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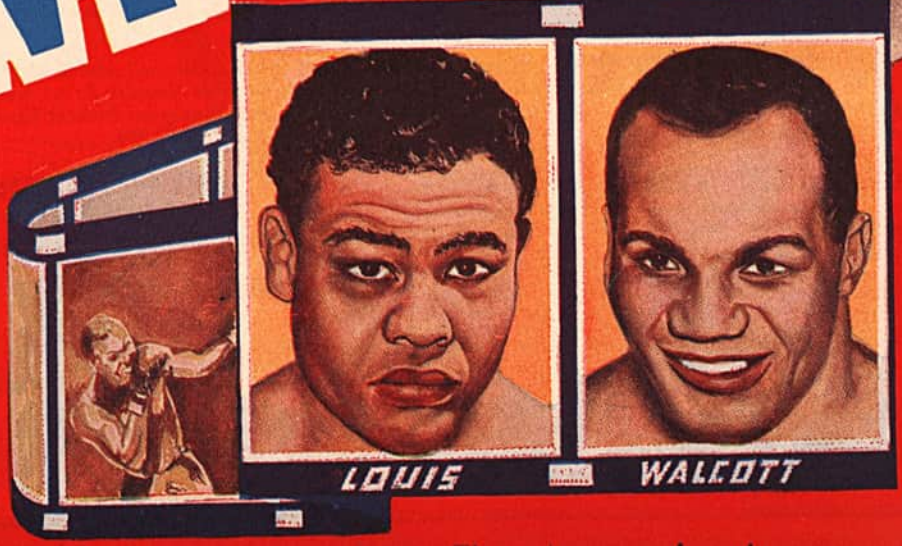

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Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of THE RING Magazine, flew to England to report the fight between Gus Lesnevich and Freddie Mills in London. Fleischer will tell you about this important fight, and also will give you another slant on boxing affairs in Europe. You cannot afford to miss this if you have a real interest in boxing.

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Joe Louis' knockout of Jersey Joe Walcott, and the announced retirement of the champion, bring back memories of the close of another era—the knockout of Jack Johnson by Jess Willard, at Havana, which not only ended the reign of the first Negro heavyweight champion of the world, but closed the bizarre White Hope era.

The Louis retirement announcement also brings to mind the retirement of Gene Tunney and Jim Jeffries, and Jim's ill-fated return against Johnson.

Don't miss this interesting tie-in with the current situation, in the next issue, by Dan Daniel.

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Ted Carroll, who is a graphic writer as well as an able cartoonist, will tell you the things for which Joe Louis will be remembered, after the Brown Bomber really hangs up his gloves and calls it a career.

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Marcel Cerdan's bid for the world middleweight championship recalls the many colorful international fistic classics involving French ring stars, three of whom—Georges Carpentier, Eugene Criqui and Andre Routis—punched their way to the topmost peaks of their divisions. For an interesting round-up of France's historic contributions to boxing archives, you cannot afford to miss Jersey Jones' breezy feature, "France Bids Again."

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"LOUIS *vs* GUS," says *The* RING

By NAT FLEISCHER

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"Here is your title," says Louis. "Here's your dough," says Mike Jacobs. But Joe will come back.

AFTER an eleven years' tenure of the heavyweight championship of the world, in which he met all comers without fear or favor, Joe Louis has announced his retirement.

After having knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in the eleventh round in Yankee Stadium, and convinced those who had shouted so loudly for Walcott in the Garden contest last December, Louis has told the public that he no longer is a boxer

"Anybody who wants it can have it," the Brown Bomber said, jokingly, as he told reporters, in the aftermath of the Walcott knockout, of his decision not to defend the title again.

However, Louis was not quite so oblivious of his position, of his responsibilities toward boxing and the heavyweight championship, and of the situation he would leave in the heavyweight division. He told me so.

The Ring Magazine is in a position to say that if Gus Lesnevich scores a decisive victory over Freddie Mills of England in their July 26 contest in London, Louis will enter the ring again on Sept. 22 in the Yankee Stadium to meet Lesnevich. If Lesnevich loses, Louis will remain retired.

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TRUE, Louis is tired of training, of the ring, and of making fighting weight. He is tired of the drudgery of the camp and he is chagrined that Father Time has caught up with him.

He is aghast that his reactions have dulled and his responses have slowed, and he no longer can command the speed and the power, which humbled Jimmy Braddock, almost annihilated Max Schmeling, and blasted one contender after another out of his way in eleven of the most brilliant years in the history of the heavyweight championship.

True, Louis is not embarrassed financially. He has a nest-egg sufficient to meet his needs for the rest of his life. In addition, he has become interested in various business ventures to which he would like to give more time.

But, no holder of a heavyweight title ever had a more emphatic realization of his position in the game, and his responsibilities toward the heavyweight division.

Louis appreciates that if he were to adhere to his announced decision to fight no more, he would leave the division in the saddest muddle in its history.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Ring Magazine, you will find keen, expert analysis of the heavyweight class minus Joe Louis.

The division is loaded with erratic has-beens, dull never-wases and uninspiring never-will-bes.

The class is full of ringworn veterans, and untutored younger fighters, without that rich spark of class, power or cleverness which Louis furnished through a gorgeous decade which outdid the superlatives even of the Jack Dempsey reign.

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LOUIS appreciates that he should not leave the heavyweight division in this plight. He has told me so.

He says, "Let the best men fight it out in an elimination," and when asked to list "the best men," he grins and shrugs his shoulders.

The best man, it appears likely, will turn out to be the thirty-three year old Lesnevich, who must be dragged out of the light-heavyweight list even though there yet is the matter of eliminating Ezzard Charles as the standout 175-pound contender.

The situation demands that Louis come back for just one more fight, which would act as a springboard for the heavyweight division toward clarification of the muddle which Joe's immediate retirement would make so much more serious.

The Ring is in a position to know that Joe Louis is willing to come back to fight Lesnevich if the public wants to see him in action again, and the 20th Century S. C. have an option on Lesnevich's services for Sept. 22 and have already paid the rent for that date to the Yankee Stadium.

Louis will be in Mike Jacobs' office on July 23 to discuss the situation, a day after I shall fly to London to see the Lesnevich-Mills fight and if Gus should win, interview him on the proposed fight with Louis.

Why did Louis announce his retirement even before he went into the Stadium ring with Walcott on June 23?

The primary reason was injured pride. For eleven years Louis had dominated all boxing. He was hailed as possibly the greatest fighter of recent years.

Hailed and toasted from one outpost to the other of the fistic universe, Louis felt that his career had been a tremendous benefice to himself, to his family, to his race, and to boxing.

34 Too Old? History Says, "No"

THERE are those who say, "When a boxer has fought year after year, and reaches the age of 34, he should quit." That is their answer to the story that Joe Louis will be seen in just one more fight.

Thirty-four is not too advanced an age for a champion or a challenger to be plying his ring trade, though at that stage he no longer possesses the vim, agility and suppleness of a younger man. John L. Sullivan, after winning the title from Paddy Ryan, held the championship for ten years. Then, after losing it to James J. Corbett, he continued in exhibitions. Jack Dempsey even went farther. He returned to active fighting at the age of forty-five, at which time he convinced critics that his wallop was still there, but his legs were gone. He finally quit in 1940.

After James J. Corbett had been whipped by Bob Fitzsimmons, Gentleman Jim didn't quit the ring. He decided he still was good enough for a comeback and he went after the crown again.

It will be recalled, Corbett was stopped in the 23rd round by Jeffries but only after he had made a monkey out of The Boilermaker. Had Corbett not tired and attempted to mix it with the Crouch King after Gentleman Jim had rolled up a big margin in the first twenty rounds, he would have been rated as the only heavyweight to regain his title.

Still not satisfied that his days were over, Corbett tackled Kid McCoy and knocked him out in the fifth round but the performance of both was so far off color, it hurt the prestige of each. To make amends, as he thought, Corbett went out to San Francisco to fight Jeff again for the title, and on August 14, 1903, Corbett was stopped in ten rounds. That halted Jim's career.

Go down the line again and you'll find the same thing taking place with Corbett's successor and then with those who followed him. Jeffries, after clearing the decks of all opposition, just as did Jack Dempsey years later, found that he no longer had any worthwhile opponents and retired from active competition. For five years, Jeff let others do the fighting.

He saw Jack Root crowned by himself as his successor, a title that was never recognized. Then he saw Philadelphia Jack O'Brien claim the title, then Tommy Burns gain the leadership by a series of triumphs in many parts of the world. Finally he got the report of the knockout of Burns by the negro gladiator, Jack Johnson, and urged by the press around the world to come out of retirement, Jeffries returned to tackle the Galveston Giant. Johnson knocked out Burns on December 26, 1908 and two years later, poor Jeff went to his doom.

He was stopped by Johnson in the fifteenth round. Jeff went the way of others but unlike the others, he knew when he had had enough and went into permanent retirement.

Not so, however, with Fitzsimmons, Jeff's predecessor. Bob wouldn't give up the ship until he had passed his fiftieth birthday. Fitz dropped the crown to Jeff in the eleventh round at Coney Island on June 9, 1899, but continued to fight, on and off, in more than a dozen battles against tough opposition until on January 29, 1914, he was outclassed in a six round fight by K.O. Sweeney, at Williamsport, Pa. That bout spelled "finis" for Ruby Robert.

Jack Johnson, who was stopped by Jess Willard in the 26th round on April 5, 1915, at Havana, Cuba, like Fitzsimmons, decided that though his legs were weary, he still possessed sufficient cleverness and hitting power to carry on. It was not until February 22, 1924, that Jack finally threw up the sponge. On that day he won a ten-round contest from Homer Smith.

Then came the first engagement with Walcott. Louis defeated Walcott that night. Particularly did he beat him under the rules set up by the New York State Boxing Commission for deciding the winner of a fight.

But, for once a bit lacklustre, Louis for the first time heard the derisive hoot. For the first time the fans, the very men who had cheered and lauded Joe, suddenly turned on him. Human, yes. But, to Louis, incredible. He was cut as if with a knife, right to the core.

"To Hell with this," said Louis to his intimates. "I always have done my best. I never did a questionable thing in all my boxing career. I think I did the game some good. Yet, they hooted me.

"And how about the boxing writers? They used to call me even better than Dempsey. Now they write that I am a bum. At least, they could have saved my feelings. But—now a bum! I don't have to stick around and take any more of this.

"I will have one more fight. I will knock out Walcott if it is the last thing I ever do with these two fists of mine. I will knock him cold. And then I will leave the fans and the writers to hoot me some more—if they dare."

* * *

SO Joe Louis announced that he was retiring after the June 23 fight with Walcott.

The battle came, Louis hung the kayo on Walcott, and then came days of quiet. Days of golf and ease, and then the reaction set in.

"I can't just go on from one round of golf to another," he said. "I have to look toward something more exciting. Maybe I should meet Lesnevich. I can beat him. I still will be able to retire unbeaten, like Gene Tunney."

The Twentieth Century Sporting Club and the Garden, Mike Jacobs' partner, are willing to let Louis retire if he sincerely believes he should retire. But,—he won't!

However, if he wants to fight Lesnevich, they will offer Louis perhaps the most opulent proposition of his career for a September battle in the very ring, in the very park, in which he knocked out Walcott.

Mike and the Garden are eager to see Louis come back for just once more. They are not going to propose this. They are not going to raise a hand in the effort. But if Joe walks in and says, "Give me Gus," they will jump at the chance.

Louis really wants to have that one more fight.

Mike and the Garden are eager to put it on.

Lesnevich would be delighted at the chance—if he whips Mills.

The public, now in Joe's corner again, would be glad to support that fight.

And, above all, the heavyweight division needs that contest to prevent complete stultification.

I say then that, barring unforeseen developments, Joe Louis will meet Gus Lesnevich in Yankee Stadium. The Yankee ball club has been holding the September date open.

Suppose Gus were to lose to Mills? Well, let's wait and see. In the meantime, THE RING says, "Joe Louis is willing to fight just once more."

* * *

ASKED if he thought he was through as a fighter, Joe told me that though he fully realized that he no longer is the fighter who kept bowling over opponent after opponent when he was in his prime, he still believes that he is far superior to anyone named as possible opponents in an elimination tournament to decide his successor.

"Do you think that you still have any real fight left in you?" he was asked.

"I know I have at least one, maybe more. No one should be afraid of the kind of heavyweights who are now rated in the first

ten if he has any kind of a punch still left in him," Louis replied.

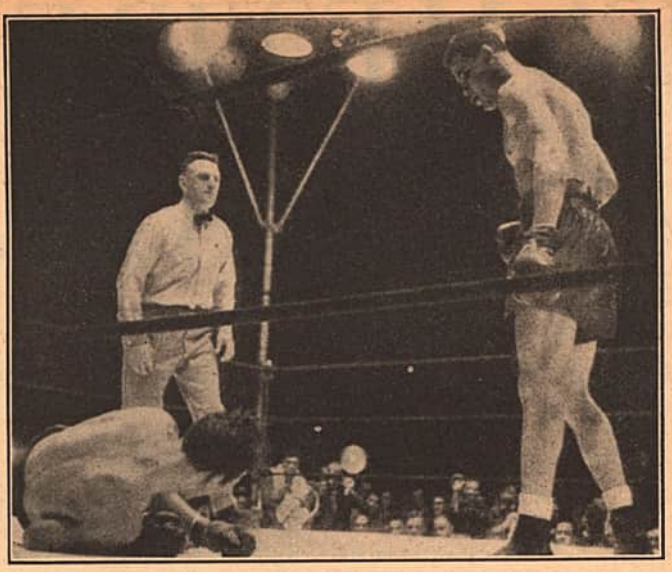
"Do you think you have that?" he was asked.

"Well," he replied, "you know what I did to Walcott. Use your own judgment."

"Joe," I continued in my interrogation of the champion, "I'm going on another trip to Europe. I want to see Lesnevich and Mills fight. I want to talk to Jo Weidin of Austria, Hein Ten Hoff of Germany and Bruce Woodcock. I want to obtain their views on the heavyweight situation which your retirement has left in such chaotic, deplorable condition.

"I want to learn whether they would be interested in getting into an elimination and then when I return, I want to go out to California and other places and see other heavyweights who might figure in the future of the heavyweight crown.

"Before I do this, Joe, I want your definite assurance that you will not make a comeback. Can I get it?"



Highlight of a Great Career. Max Schmeling stopped in one round by Joe Louis.

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"YES, I said at the press conference a few days ago that I'm retiring. I told you fellers then that the best way to settle the question of a new titleholder is by an elimination tournament," Louis responded.

"Your statement then and now is O.K., Joe! I don't doubt you, but word has reached me from two sources which indicate that you are wavering and that you're sorry you were so hasty in making the announcement of your retirement. Is that true?" I persisted.

"No, it isn't," Louis came back.

Whereupon Joe Roxborough, the man who took him out of the amateurs to hold the reins until two years ago when he relinquished them to Marshall Miles, interrupted:

"Nat, there isn't a chance of Joe returning to the ring. I wouldn't let him return if he wanted to. It is time for him to hang up his gloves for good and he has made his decision with our consent."

"Then why not officially inform the powers that be, Col. Eagan, head of the New York State Athletic Commission, and Abe Greene, president of the N.B.A., by turning in a letter of resignation?" I asked.

To which Roxborough replied, "Eventually we will."

As Roxborough went seeking a cab for Joe and himself, I cornered Louis and again asked him why he hadn't sent a letter to Eagan and Greene, informing them of his retirement.

"Joe," I said, "the quicker such action is taken, the better for the sport. Boxing needs help, yes, plenty of it and you have the power to aid it. Your message of retirement has put the sport in a tough spot with no one worthy to take over the head of the division.

"If Eagan and Greene get your message, they can then get together and arrange some means to obtain a successor. In your letter I might suggest that you tell them that it is your wish that an elimination tournament get under way as quickly as is possible and that the N.B.A. and New York forget their little differences and work in harmony to obtain the best possible man to succeed you."

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"I CAN'T do that right now, Nat," Louis replied. "It is too early. Some time soon I'll have Truman, Gibson, my lawyer, or Miles write the letter, but not now."

"Why defer such action?" I asked. "Is it because you really are not certain that you have made the proper move in announcing your retirement?"

"I won't say that," answered Joe. "It is simply too early to write the letters now."

With that, Roxborough moved Louis out to the waiting cab, leaving me to ponder whether Louis really meant it when he said he's through fighting. The interview indicated an uncertainty that was not present when he spoke to the dozens of newspapermen in his dressing room after the knockout of Walcott, the thousands who heard him address his ma, "For my mother—this is for her—tonight was my last night," and the scribes who attended his farewell talk in Mike Jacobs' office.

He conveyed the thought that he was sorry to leave the heavyweight division in the tangled state in which we now find it and that if the public demanded it and if there was a sufficient clamor for his return, he might be willing to think it over and return to his first love, the ring, if the fans wanted him back—for just one more, a last one.

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I WAS very much interested in a story which came out of London, to the effect that Mike Jacobs and his organization had offered Lesnevich close to $200,000 to run out on the engagement with Mills, and dash right back to New York to sign a contract to fight Louis in the Yankee Stadium on September 22.

True, this date has been reserved by Sol Strauss for another and final Louis appearance.

However, that yarn from London was far-fetched. When it appeared that Walcott might be returned the winner over Louis, an effort was made by the 20th Century Sporting Club to get Vella, manager of Lesnevich, to change his mind about going to England, but there never was any attempt to have him break a contract, since none had been signed at the time.

I discussed it with Strauss and he laughed at the suggestion that he might want to induce Gus to avoid meeting Mills or anybody else, with the Louis match pending.

"Those people over in England have manufactured a very interesting yarn," Sol chuckled.

"Granted that we had any desire to get Lesnevich out of the Mills engagement, we are not a fly-by-night organization. We could not afford to aid and abet a fighter in running out of a contract, even in a foreign land.

"Just as we would expect Lesnevich to live up to his agreements with us, so would we expect him to fulfill his contract abroad."

Meanwhile, the London boxing writing fraternity was making much of the alleged effort by Mike and Sol to "kidnap" Lesnevich and hustle him back to New York.

In making Gus important enough to "kidnap," the English sports press certainly helped to build up the fight with Mills. Though that hardly needed any action with a bicycle pump. It was a fine enough attraction as it was, minus all flummery, and was close to a sellout before the arrival of Gus on the scene.

Lesnevich is back in the United States, and we may look for interesting developments, minus the "kidnap."

IF IT'S BOXING YOU'LL

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LOUIS' RETIREMENT LEAVES *a* SAD MESS

Ringworn Veterans and Unimpressive Youngsters Develop Badly Muddled Situation in Heavyweight Division

By JERSEY JONES

RETIRING Joe Louis has left a colorful career and a set of remarkable records to remember him by.

But his contemporaries in the fistic industry would have been more appreciative if Louis had left something of more immediate value and practical use—as, for instance, a fairly reasonable facsimile of an active heavyweight division.

The heavyweight class has gone—temporarily, at least—into retirement with Shufflin' Joe.

There isn't one big fellow of the current crop who could be dignified with serious consideration as a logical successor to the Bomber.

The heavyweight ranks are currently cluttered with a nondescript assortment of ringworn veterans and none-too-promising newcomers.

Not since Jim Jeffries cleaned out the division and announced his retirement in 1904 has the heavyweight class been so completely devoid of outstanding talent.

When Gene Tunney quit the ring in 1928, it was not because of lack of competition. Jack Sharkey was at his peak, and a match between him and Tunney would have done terrific business. Also active at the time were Paulino Uzcudun, Johnny Risko, Billy (Young) Stribling, Otto von Porat and Tommy Loughran, with Max Schmeling appearing on the European front.

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TUNNEY might have kept going for at least another year or two, but, never overly fascinated with the boxing profession, Gene was in it only for what he could get out of it. Once he got what he wanted, he called it a career.

From his two classic meetings with Jack Dempsey in Philadelphia and Chicago, and his final outing with Tom Heeney at the Yankee Stadium, Tunney grossed about $2,000,000 in purses. With taxes (lighter than they are now), managerial cuts and other operating expenses deducted, he still had $1,000,000 for himself, and that was all Gene wanted of the ring. So he quit while he was on top.

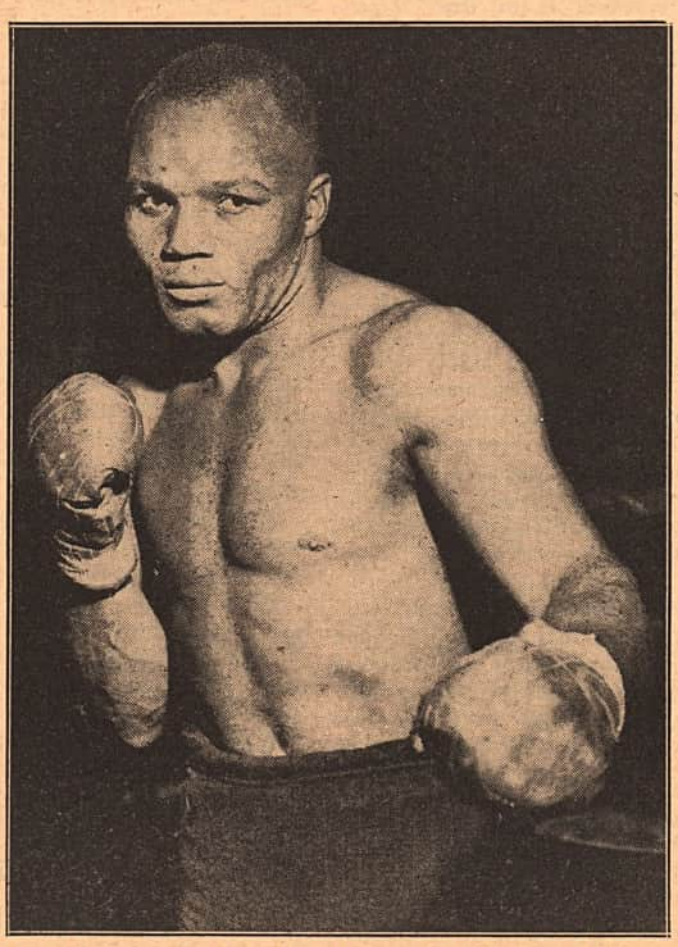
At the time Jeffries was fighting, boxing was not the established world-wide industry it later became. The sport had not yet been popularized in Continental Europe, South America and the other sectors that since have become fertile ground for fistic growth.

Jeff operated in a limited field. Boxing was confined almost exclusively in those days to the British Empire and the United States. Top heavyweight talent was not abundant. After Jeff had disposed of Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Tom Sharkey and Gus Ruhlin, he found himself practically unemployed—there was little competition around.

Boxing now is a global enterprise—the No. 1 sport in the international curriculum—and it is difficult to understand the dearth of good big fellows. With the entire world to use as its oyster, it certainly would seem logical to expect boxing to come up with something resembling a fistic pearl somewhere.

There are those who insist on blaming the war for retarding the development of youngsters. But that excuse leaves much to be explained. Surely, it would seem that something better than .000 would be batted by the thousands of lads who competed in hundreds of tournaments held all over the map during the recent unpleasantness. Boxing was the leading sport of all branches of the Allied fighting forces. It was freely predicted that a veritable deluge of "great" talent would be turned loose on the fistic market when the war ended. Where is it?

It's nearly three years since VJ-Day—and we find the industry's top performers still are the veteran pre-war products.



Joe Walcott, twice defeated challenger of Joe Louis, who looms as a big shot in the elimination talk.

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IN the normal course of events—assuming, of course, there is anything normal in the present confusion—Louis' retirement would call for an elimination tournament to determine Shufflin' Joe's successor.

But exactly how, and where, would one start lining up a program of this sort, with the calibre of material available?

Who would qualify as entries?

There are those, naturally, who'll advance claims in behalf of Jersey Joe Walcott.

Despite Walcott's dreary showing against Louis in the latter's farewell ring appearance, the South Jersey veteran unquestionably must be reckoned with in any discussions concerning an elimination series.

Gus Lesnevich, who is classed with Ezzard Charles as the outstanding contender for Joe Louis' vacated throne.

Jersey Joe's drab, colorless, defensive method of operating is not calculated to excite the populace into ecstatic outbursts, but it must be conceded that it has at least been effective these last few years. On a basis of a winning-and-losing average, Walcott rates as probably the best of a sorry lot of heavyweights.

Who's next?

To be frank about it, there's nothing else in the ranks of the big fellows worth listing—unless Joe Baksi quits his tomfoolery and buckles down to serious business.

Baksi certainly is no Dempsey or Tunney, but, in condition, the Pennsylvanian is capable of whipping any of the current heavyweights. Kulpmont Joe is tough, strong and durable, with an awkward sort of cleverness, and a fairly robust wallop in either fist. His main drawback to date has been an unwillingness to take the business seriously. Training is an annoying nuisance to him.

Baksi could have fought Louis a year ago, but he messed up his own schedule. After annihilating Freddie Mills and Bruce Woodcock in London, he was in line for a title match with Shufflin' Joe at the Yankee Stadium. While negotiations were on, he ambled to Stockholm on what he regarded as a joyride, and, in poor physical shape, incredibly blew a decision to cumbersome Olle Tandberg.

But it isn't too late for Baksi to snap out of it and take a real hold on himself. Joe is only 26.

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FROM our point of observation, the best bet for Louis' vacated throne is not a heavyweight at all. But, though a legitimate light-heavy, seldom scaling above the 175-pound mark, Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati seems quite capable of handling the bigger fellows as easily as he does his own size.

Charles does not appear too rugged, but he's a clever boxer, smart ring general, and a dynamic belter with either hand. He was a good fighter before the war—good enough to whip the likes of Charley Burley and Joey Maxim—but it has been since his discharge from the army, two and a half years ago, that he's really hit his peak.

Since early in 1946, Ezzard has lost only one decision in twenty-five outings, and that one was questionable. Heavyweight Elmer (Violent) Ray was awarded a split, disputed verdict over him in Madison Square Garden. But Charles more than squared that one in a return match in Chicago. He handed Ray a vicious lacing before flattening him in the ninth round.

Of Charles' twenty-four triumphs, sixteen have been by knockouts. He whipped Jimmy Bivins in Pittsburgh and flattened him in Cleveland. After outpointing Archie Moore in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, Ezzie wound up their series by stiffening Archie in Cleveland.

He decisioned Oakland Billy Smith in the first of their two meetings in Cincinnati, and knocked out the Californian in the encore number. Twice he halted Lloyd Marshall in Cincinnati, and tossed a pair of kayoes into Fitzy Fitzpatrick, first in Cincinnati, then in Cleveland.

Just by way of keeping the records straight, Charles has just turned 27.

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PROVIDED he doesn't run into unexpected disaster in his light - heavyweight title meeting with Freddie Mills in London, Gus Lesnevich also may be considered a likely entry in any proposed elimination series for Louis' relinquished laurels. As a matter of fact, if Louis hadn't retired, and decided to continue fistic operations, Lesnevich probably would have been his opponent in a September match at the Yankee Stadium.

Despite lack of heft, light-heavyweight Ezzard Charles is a strong favorite in proposed eliminations.

Lesnevich has become a tremendous sentimental favorite with the fans these last two years, and as a box-office attraction he rates well ahead of Walcott, Baksi and Charles.

But how far he would go in a scramble with that trio is something that remains to be seen.

Gus hasn't been too fortunate in his heavyweight pickings. Since coming out of the Coast Guard, his best performances against the bigger fellows were his knockouts of the ill-trained veterans, Melio Bettina and Tami Mauriello, in Madison Square Garden.

But it is difficult to forget how inept Old Gus looked the night Lee Oma stopped him in the Garden—and the thorough lacing he absorbed when Bruce Woodcock knocked him out in London.

Frankly, much as we admire Lesnevich, personally and professionally, our usually elastic imagination doesn't stretch quite far enough for us to envision him spotting height, weight and reach to a strong, wily, counter-punching mechanic like Walcott, or a powerful 215-pound rough-and-tumble slugger like Baksi.

And 33-year-old Gus would find the smooth, sharpshooting Charles a decidedly more formidable light-heavyweight proposition than the amateurish, brittle-chinned Billy Fox he twice flattened in the Garden.

But if Lesnevich succeeds in whipping Mills in their London fracas, and really is sincere in his expressed desire to get into the heavyweight argument, here's a logical suggestion that he, his board of directors, and the officials of the 20th Century Sporting Club would do well to consider:

Ex-miner Joe Baksi has weight, strength and stamina to play important role in heavyweight tourney.

Berlenbach more than two decades ago, would do tremendous business at either the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds.

And the scrap would serve a dual purpose. Not only would it settle the light-heavy title controversy, but it could be regarded as a vital part of the heavyweight elimination series. The winner automatically would become eligible for the next round of the tourney, with Walcott or Baksi as his probable opponent.

Have Gus defend his light - heavyweight laurels against Charles. The match, the hottest "natural" to develop in the 175-pound division since the celebrated rivalry of Jack Delaney and Paul

One of ring's smartest defensive boxers, Joey Maxim is Jack Kearns' entry.

It appears a certainty that any proposed heavyweight free-for-all is bound to hear from Jack Kearns, who happens to be handling Joey Maxim of Cleveland. An experienced opportunist, the good old doctor isn't likely to let a chance of this sort slip by him.

Maxim is little more than an overgrown light-heavy—he usually fights at or about 180 pounds, and probably could make 175 in a pinch—but he's been campaigning with consistent success among the big fellows these last two years, and on the basis of his three-bout series with Walcott, Kearns would appear to have a legitimate claim to advance for the Ohioan.

All three Maxim-Walcott bouts were close, Joey taking the first decision in Camden, and Jersey Joe coming back to edge out disputed verdicts in Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

Like Walcott, Maxim is what Jacobs Beach refers to as a "cutey"—a smart, defensive boxer, whose style may not be particularly exciting, but certainly is effective, so far as winning percentages are concerned.

It was the Clevelander who made a mess of Olle Tandberg's American debut in Madison Square Garden.

Among Maxim's other wins are decisions over Phil Muscato in Buffalo and Rochester, Buddy Walker in Baltimore, Bob Foxworth in Chicago, Billy (Chicken) Thompson in Philadelphia, Francisco de la Cruz in El Paso, Tony Bosnich in San Francisco, Roy Hawkins in Tacoma, Joe Kahut in Portland, Ore., and Bill Peterson in Seattle. Maxim is 26.

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SO far, we have covered only our homebred American talent, and since a world championship is involved, the other sectors of the far-flung international front must be considered. Let's start with Europe.

Though he's been laid up with a varied assortment of physical ailments since Baksi blasted him into defeat in London a year ago, and his immediate plans are more or less uncertain, 27-year-old Bruce Woodcock cannot be entirely ignored in any proposed elimination program. Bruce holds both British and European titles.

Woodcock's chief liability is a lack of ruggedness. He doesn't stand up under a heavy punch. But in his one brief visit to the United States in 1946, Bruce left a favorable impression with the fans and critics who saw him operate against Tami Mauriello in the Garden.

In that bout, Woodcock revealed himself as a fast, clever boxer, and a stiff two-handed puncher, but handicapped by a not too robust chin. He was outboxing and outpunching Mauriello, and seemed well on his way to winning, when he was nailed by one of Tami's explosive rights midway through the fifth round, and that sock dropped him for the full count.

His defeats by Mauriello and Baksi are the only setbacks suffered by Woodcock in five years of professional campaigning. On the credit side of his ledger are 31 victories, 27 by knockouts. From an American standpoint, his outstanding performance was the eight-round kayo he plastered on Lesnevich in London.

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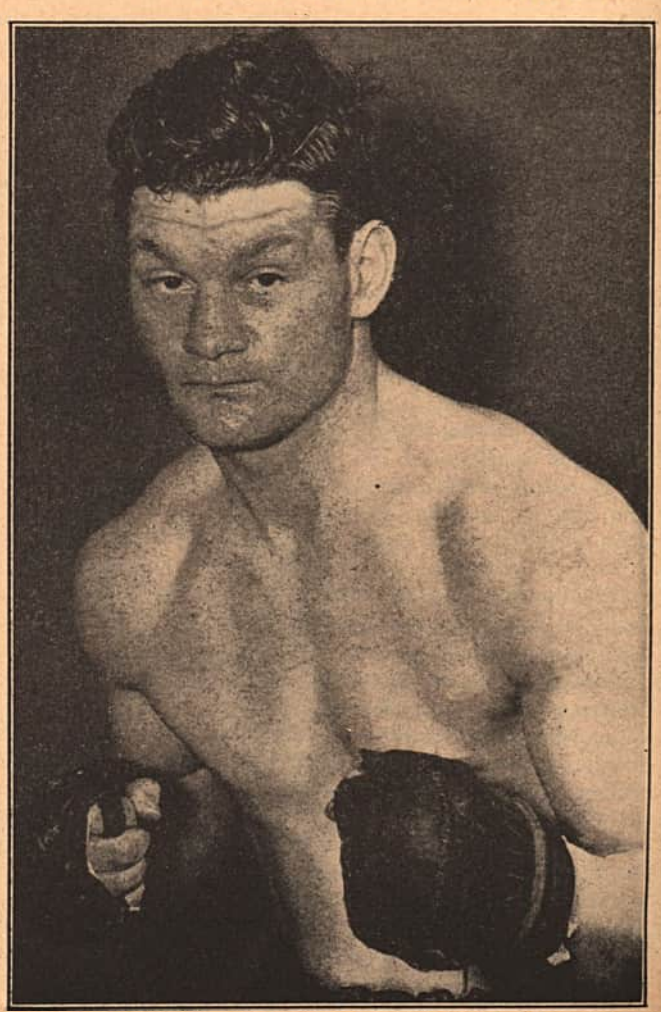
THE only other European who, at this moment, seems to deserve consideration in the proposed eliminations is Jo Weidin, colorful Austrian, who has been operating out of Paris, and is rated Woodcock's outstanding rival.

Weidin, who is 25, was quite an all-around athlete while attending the University of Vienna, and has come along rapidly during the short time he has been fighting professionally. Last year he was the winner of a heavyweight tournament in Brussels. One of his triumphs was a one-round kayo of Enrico Bertola, the Italian, who is now fighting around Chicago. His other wins in that meet were a knockout



British and European Champion Bruce Woodcock is leading foreign contender.

Austrian Jo Weidin is rated as Europe's No. 2 bet in title scramble.

of Jean Declercq of Belgium and decisions over Stephane Olek of France and Robert Eugene of Belgium.

So far in 1948, Weidin has run off five straight kayos. In Sweden he flattened Nisse Anderssen and Carl Nielson; in England he stopped Alf Brown and the South African, Phil van Niekerk, and in his native Vienna he polished off the veteran Frenchman, Francis Jacques.

Whether Weidin is as good a fighter as his record would seem to indicate is something that remains to be seen. The heavyweight crop in Europe is even worse than it is here in the United States, and the husky Austrian hasn't been up against anything even remotely resembling real competition so far.

But Americans may have an opportunity shortly to judge for themselves just how and where Weidin fits into the heavyweight scheme of things. Jo is said to be seriously considering a jaunt here. Jack Dempsey and Gus Wilson have been angling for him, and Lew Burston also has been mentioned prominently as his likely importer.

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ASIDE from Woodcock and Weidin, there is no heavyweight in the European theatre of operations who could be regarded seriously in the contemplated elimination series.

Olle Tandberg of Sweden messed things up for himself on his American invasion by his sloppy, inept showing against Joey Maxim in Madison Square Garden.

Italy's top big fellows—Duilio Spagnola, Gino Buonvino and Enrico Bertola—have displayed nothing beyond very ordinary ability in their campaigns in American rings.

The Spanish entry, Paco Bueno, was a horrible bust in his only English appearance, Freddie Mills belting him out in the second round.

The French champion, Stephane Olek, is merely a strong mauler, and has been beaten by Woodcock, Mills, Weidin and Tandberg in Europe, and by Johnny Ralph in South Africa.

Little is known hereabouts of the German candidate, Hein Ten Hoff, whose outstanding achievements to date have been two wins over the ancient Walter Neusel, one by a decision, the other by a knockout. But Americans may have an opportunity shortly to determine Ten Hoff's qualifications, if any. As this is being written, Frankfurt promoters are dickering for Joe Baksi to make the hop over to Germany for a date with Hein in late August or early September.

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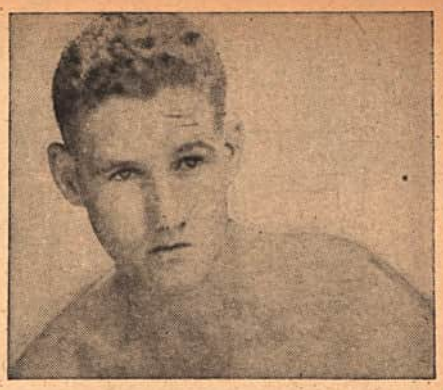
SOUTH AMERICA, a fairly consistent producer of good heavyweights in the past, also seems to have hit a famine in big fellows. Arturo Godoy still is in business, but the 36-year-old Chilean, after 18 years of ring service, no longer can be regarded seriously as a championship threat.

South America's younger entries—Abel Cestac, Enrique Felipi and Alfredo Lagay—hardly qualify for big-time status.

For a while, it looked as though Lagay had possibilities. The Argentino came through with a fine exhibition in whipping Jimmy Carollo at one of the smaller New York clubs, and he followed that with an even more impressive performance by journeying to Tampa and trouncing Tommy Gomez. But Lagay blew his big bid when he was knocked out by the veteran Curtis Sheppard in the semi-final to the Louis - Walcott affair at the Yankee Stadium.



Johnny Ralph of South Africa may be a future possibility in championship stakes.

Australia can be definitely eliminated from any heavyweight discussions. There are no big fellows Down Under worth even a casual mention. As a matter of fact, the best heavyweight on the island continent is a middleweight, 22-year-old Dave Sands.

There may be a few rumbles heard from South Africa in behalf of Johnny Ralph. At present, however, Ralph not only lacks big-time seasoning, but seems to be handicapped by brittle hands,

Johnny still is a comparative youngster—he's only 23—and his entire professional career has been confined to 15 bouts. But the young man, despite his youth and limited experience, has done well for himself. So far, he is undefeated, with only one draw to mar the perfect slate. He won the South African title in his sixth start by whipping Nick Wolmarans, and he flattened Wolmarans in a return match.

One of Ralph's better performances was a verdict over the visiting American, experienced Buddy Scott. He also has stopped Ken Shaw of Scotland, and decisioned Alf Gallagher of Australia and Stephane Olek of France.

Enthused though they may be over Ralph's prospects, South African fans are sensible enough to realize that Johnny is not ready as yet to offer a serious bid for big-time recognition. But they feel that the youngster has the necessary qualifications—speed, skill, ruggedness and punch—and that all he needs now is proper seasoning. And, of course, a pair of reinforced hands that won't go out of commission so often.

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SO here you have the heavyweight picture as it shapes up at the moment. It's not exactly an encouraging one—but it's the best that can be offered with the little that's available.

Jersey Joe Walcott . . . Joe Baksi . . . Ezzard Charles . . . Gus Lesnevich . . . Joey Maxim . . . Bruce Woodcock . . . Jo Weidin . . . Hein Ten Hoff . . . Johnny Ralph.

It's hardly an array of entries to arouse the paying public to hysterical outbursts of enthusiasm, even with the most glamorous and valuable prize in the entire sports universe, the heavyweight boxing championship, awaiting the ultimate survivor.

It's a bit difficult, when one has become accustomed to banquets of filet mignon and champagne, to adjust himself to a diet of bread and water.

But that's the approximate outlook confronting the boxing world if the retirement of Joe Louis is really on the level.

From where we sit, we have an idea the populace won't be in a hurry to recognize any of the current eligibles as world champion, and if and when the tourney finally gets under way, it probably will be a long time arriving at its eventual destination.

A real solution to it all, of course, would be for some young, strong, hard-hitting youngster, as yet unknown to the masses, to come suddenly a-roaring out of the wilderness and blast his way through the motley mob now cluttering up the field.

As Dempsey did in 1918 and Louis in 1935. The scramble for that youngster, reminiscent of the hectic "White-Hope Era" of 1910-1915, is on. Somewhere the answer must be waiting. He may be in the rugged mining centers of Montana or the rolling Pampas of the Argentine. He may be in the teeming streets of New York or along the Liverpool docks.

Here's hoping.

"Free Now," Exuberates Retired (?) Bomber

"Nobody to Insist on Another Fight," Says Louis, as He Contemplates a World Minus Further Conquests

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

JOE LOUIS has announced his retirement. Doubtless he means it. He was hurt by criticism of his first showing against Jersey Joe Walcott, and wounded by the amazing shift of the fans. They are fickle, are those customers. Eleven years of championship tenure by Louis apparently made them want another title holder, even though that man might be an inferior one. That's the public, in boxing, baseball, or any other activity.

Yes, Louis means to retire. And yet, it is my impression that he will do nothing of the kind—just yet. I believe, with Nat Fleischer, that Joe will come out for just one more engagement.

There have been stories that Joe is tired of cutting in so many men on his earnings, and will return for one more only if he can rid himself of John Roxborough. However, let it be said with emphasis, Roxborough cuts in if Louis fights again.

What pleased thousands and thousands of fight fans most about Joe's eleventh round knockout of Walcott, whose elevation to the championship would have contributed nothing whatever to boxing, was the plain fact that, having announced his retirement, Louis won.

If that really was his last fight, the Brown Bomber went from the game with clean hands, clean reputation, with the most remarkable imprint on boxing left behind by any exemplar.

How easy it would have been for Joe Louis to have guaranteed himself an easy income for the next ten years!

All Louis had to do was to enter into an arrangement with the Walcott interests whereby the Bomber would have cut into Jersey Joe's earnings for ten per cent for the length of Walcott's tenure of the title, and into the earnings of Walcott's successors, to the end of the decade.

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SKULLDUGGERY? Well, it has been done, Chumley. Done right in the heavyweight division, too. I don't want to go into details which might embarrass certain folks. But it is common knowledge that Jimmy Braddock's manager refused to let James risk his title unless the pair were assured of ten per cent of Louis' opponent's ring revenues for the next ten years if the Brown Bomber won. In fact, the contract expired only last year. The details became public when Joe Gould sued Mike Jacobs for money that was owed on this agreement.

It would have been a soft touch to have obtained a ten per cent cut of Walcott's take.

However, Louis never entered into a questionable deal, and he certainly would not have considered anything like an understanding with Walcott.

That the two Joes had something like that sort of arrangement was broadcast by irresponsible persons just before the Bomber belted Walcott out, and Louis got furious. But the statement was false.

"When they circulate a story like that about me, then it's time to get out," said the champion.

Louis announced his retirement before the June 23 imbroglio with Walcott. He reiterated his decision immediately after the knockout. A couple of days later he met the boxing writers in the Garden, and said it all over again. "I am a boxer no longer. I have retired to devote my time to business," Louis repeated.

At 34, Joe is hardly the jolter of 23 who knocked out Jimmy Braddock. But, at 34, Louis is twice the fighter any of the other heavies can pretend to be. And as Nat Fleischer says elsewhere in this issue, Louis will come to the aid of the heavyweight division again, and have one more fight, especially if Gus Lesnevich should knock out Freddy Mills in London.

But let us, for the time being, take Louis at his word. Let us give credence to his statement that he is done with the ring. Why? What are the impulses? What the reasons?

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THERE is a widespread impression that, despite all his rich earnings over so long a championship tenure, Joe Louis is not very well heeled financially.

But those on the inside say this is not true. He has a lot of his money tied up in that Michigan farm. But he also has some good investments, I am told.

If Joe comes back for another fight, it will not be because of his need for cash, his intimates assure me.

Asked about those stories of his financial situation, Louis replied, "I won't ask anybody for any money, you can be sure of that. They never will have to stage any benefits for Joe Louis.

"I got enough money to turn down $400,000 for another fight. I won't go around with no tin cup. The way I got things set up, I am good for $100,000 a year.

"I am free now. I used to think about quitting, and then I'd say, 'Joe, you can't do it just yet. You got some years of earnin' power ahead. Stop getting lazy.'

"Well, now I knocked out Walcott, and I can do anything I wish. Nobody to bother me with no challenges. The boxing writers and the public can't say I am retiring to get away from Walcott, or to dodge anybody else. There ain't nobody else, is there?

"Now, this Walcott. He got to get a chance at the title now. Maybe Gus Lesnevich and Walcott.

"They talk about this boy Ezzard Charles. Well, he can't get into this thing. Lesnevich, well, he's the light-heavyweight champion. Charles got to take that away from Gus, or win it if Gus moves up into the heavies, before he can talk about fighting for the title I leave behind.

"Walcott? Well, if he hits you, he don't take nothing out of you. That's for sure."

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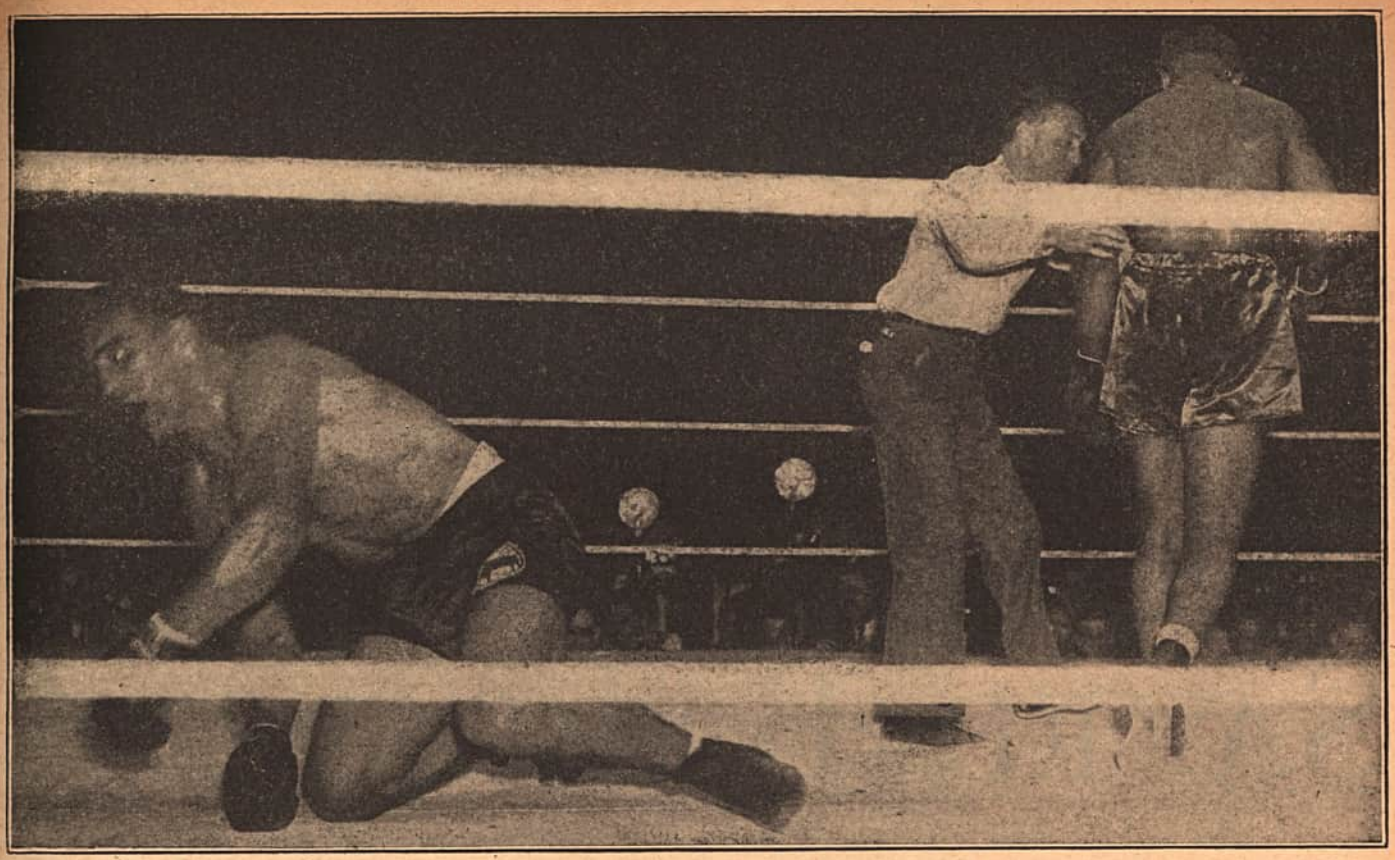
"WELL, now I am free—free to play golf, don't have to do no trainin', don't have to worry about what the papers say," Louis said, with something resembling a smile.

"I got to go around the country selling that soft drink they name for me. I got to sell insurance. I also am thinking of making political speeches in the President campaign. I am waiting to see who gets the Democrat nomination."

The dope is that if President Truman runs for re-election, Joe Louis will campaign for him. Joe said that he definitely would not support Henry Wallace and his third party.

"Run for Congress?" Louis laughed. "No, I ain't doing any more running. Not even for Congress."



The bout which Joe Louis calls his Thrill No. 1. Primo Carnera, mouth wide open, is taking the count in the sixth round just before the knockout at the hands of the Brown Bomber.

The talk shifted to the method of naming a new titleholder. Louis expressed some very definite ideas.

"They say Lesnevich should fight Walcott, and the winner be called the new champion," Louis continued.

"No, that ain't the way to do it. I believe they should take the top ten in the heavyweight division, and hold an elimination tournament.

"I am through. I no longer am a boxer. Just a businessman now —free."

Louis went back to his knockout of Walcott. "I want to apologize to the fans for the way that fight went until I flattened Jersey Joe," he said.

"I had made my plan and I wasn't going to change it for nobody. I knew he would do exactly what he did. I knew I had him in the ninth round.

"I started reaching him good with the left, and I knew he would not be able to last much longer. As for his saying he would like to fight me again, winner take all—well, like I say, I start belting him with the left and I feel, here he goes."

Years ago, when Louis achieved the title, he was asked about the future.

"Oh, I want to be good enough to be able to quit without being licked," Louis replied.

"Do you want to retire like Jack Dempsey?" he was asked.

"No, I kinda like the way Gene Tunney did it," Joe explained. "He is free, he ain't too much in the public eye and does just what he likes. Now to have the money, to be unbeaten, and then do what you like—that's something."

Now Joe Louis has a million dollars. Now he is unbeaten. Now he can do just "what he likes," and like Tunney after the Heeney fight, call it a day.

But the heavyweight division just cannot afford to let Louis do it that way—just yet.

Louis has quit, he says—and why? Has he found the drudgery of training too much for him?

Has he discovered that no matter how widely spaced a champion's defenses may be, he can have no family life, no life of his own?

Is Joe Louis afraid that if he continues in the ring, he will suffer serious injury?

Is Joe actually washed up and unable to get down to fighting weight without too much of an ordeal?

Is it possible that Joe Louis, unbeaten as the heavyweight champion of the world, fears the possibility of being hooted out of the ring as a beaten champion?

These questions suggest themselves as this 34-year-old fighter, fresh from a knockout triumph, insists that he is through.

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I DO not believe that Louis fears injury—not by Lesnevich, or by Walcott, or any other heavyweight with whom he might be thrown into a ring.

I do believe that, after 25 defenses of his title, Louis is tired, and finds everything connected with the ring a terrific chore.

I am also convinced that Louis believes that he is in a position now to do more dignified things.

Perhaps he sees important missionary work for his race as the more vital call.

Perhaps, as some insist, Joe really has political ambitions, and will throw his hat into another kind of ring, in an effort to serve his people.

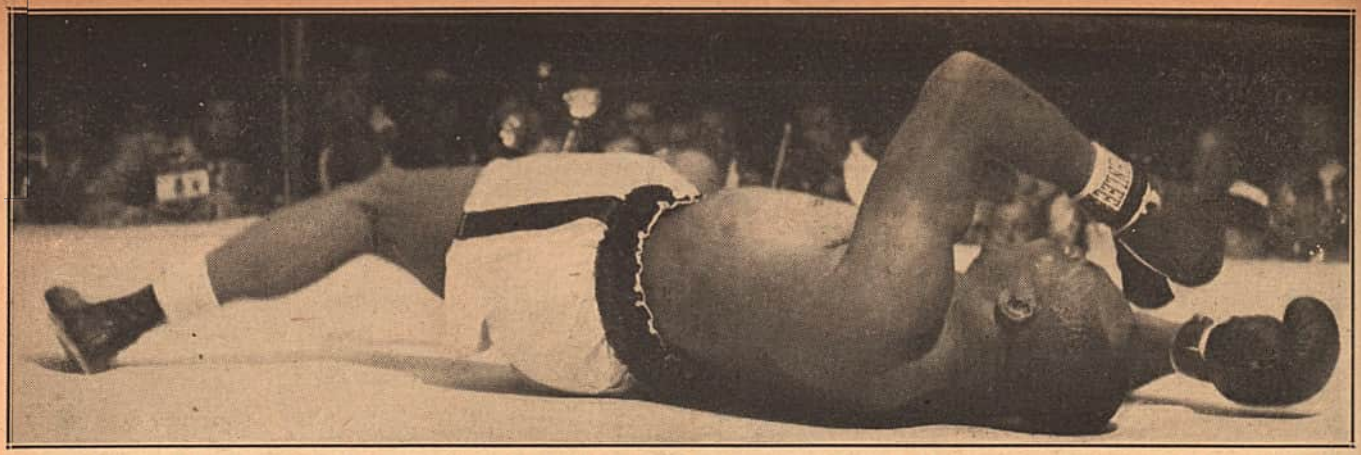
Doubtless, the way the fans turned against Joe in his fight with Walcott in the Garden last December had much to do with his announced retirement.

Could be, Louis sets great value on being able to retire unbeaten. Still, does he value that at more than half a million dollars?

I still believe, as does THE RING Editor, that Louis' retirement decision will not stick—that he will find too much golf boring, and he soon will miss the excitement of being the king pin in the fistic alley.

To me, the story of the retirement of Joe Louis as heavyweight champion of the world lacks a lot of essential details.

His interviews on the subject have not been satisfactory. He has said too little. He has failed to explain his true motives. Perhaps he really hasn't any, because he has decided to fight again, if the public and the Heavyweight Division demand it.



This is how Jersey Joe Walcott looked before he rolled on his side in an attempt to get to his feet in the eleventh round.

LOUIS' K.O. PUNCH SAVED BAD FIGHT

Walcott Made Conn's Mistake When He Got Gay With Louis—Brown Bomber All-Time Great

By NAT FLEISCHER

ELEVEN years and four days a champion! The longest reign in the history of the heavyweight division came to an end when Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, crashed a volley of lefts and rights to the jaw of Jersey Joe Walcott and scored his fifty-first knockout as a pro, and twenty-first in twenty-five title defenses. It happened in 2.56 of the eleventh round at Yankee Stadium before a gathering of 42,267 who paid a gross of $830,626. As in nine other return engagements, his opponent suffered defeat via the kayo route.

Louis at once announced his retirement, and meeting the press three days later, reiterated that he never again would don the gloves in competition. The thirteen years of his life as a professional fighter will always be remembered for their thrills. Joe's many title defenses, the sportsmanlike manner in which he conducted himself both in and out of the ring, and the dignity with which he carried on during a period in which boxing needed the help of a Joe Louis.

The champion gave his farewell with something of his old style. After ten of the dullest rounds ever recorded in a heavyweight championship contest, rounds in which the spectators hissed and booed and the referee, Frank Fullam, besieged the principals to give the fans some action.

Louis suddenly became the killer of old and within thirty seconds, he undid all the damage that had soured the public on the fight by unleashing an attack, the fury of which was seen only in the second Louis-Schmeling fight and that in which Joe conquered Primo Carnera.

In that half minute, he was the old Brown Bomber again, the smashing, savage, two-fisted mauler, whose powerful attack came so rapidly that none among the hundreds of scribes covering the fight, could count the blows. When Walcott was asked in his dressing room what brought about his downfall, he replied, "I didn't know what hit me. All I knew was that I was down."

Walcott had made one mistake, the same one Billy Conn made in his first battle with the Bomber. Jersey Joe thought he had the affair cinched and began to mix it with Louis. He jigged, twisted his body to annoy the champion and then suddenly went after the Bomber as if to finish him. That was the beginning of the end for the challenger. Louis nailed him on the chin with a right after three beautiful straight lefts to the head and face had numbed Walcott's brain, and all the fight was taken out of the Jerseyite.

Walcott's legs became rubbery. A right to the body and he dropped his guard. His body began to sag and then came an avalanche of punches, lefts and rights too numerous to count at the time, though the movies showed fourteen.

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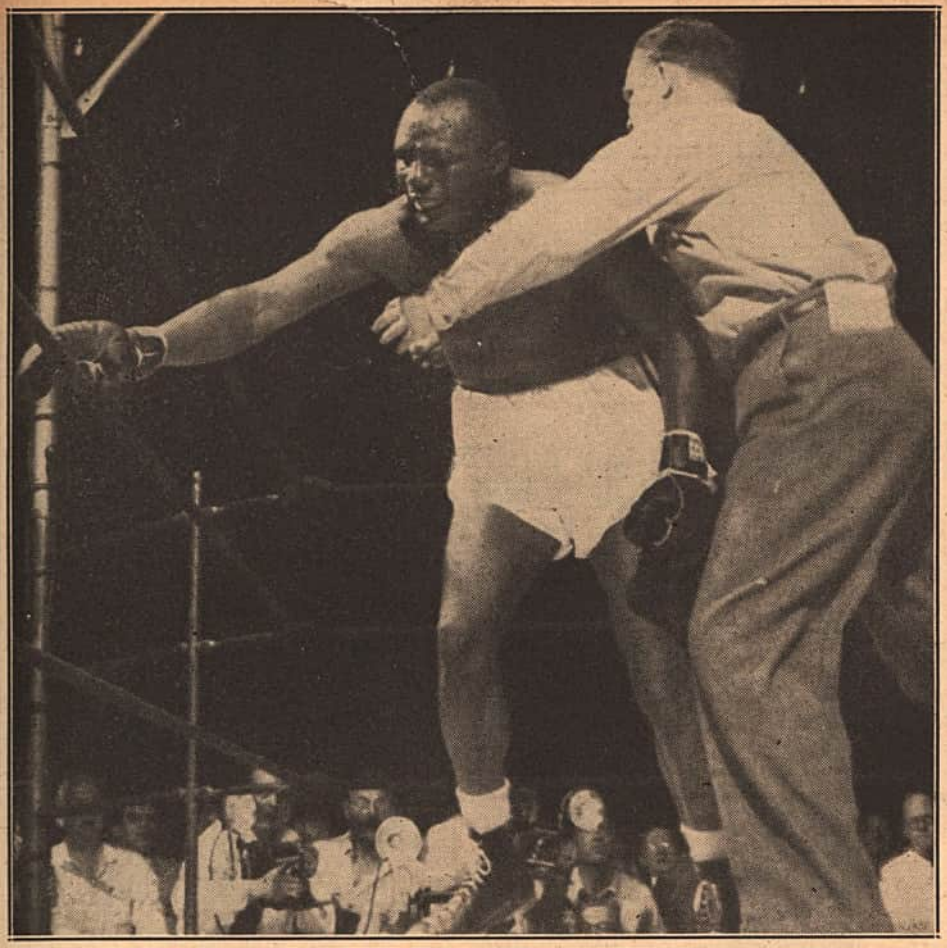
THE barrage was as fast as it was furious. It came so unexpectedly that it took the spectators as much by surprise as did the handlers of the challenger, who were too sure of a Walcott victory.

The champion lost no time pressing his advantage. He went after the kill with not a drop of mercy in his heart. He was out to prove that he was the master and with a furious display of short-arm lefts and rights he pounded away at Walcott's head and face until he had the challenger backed against the ropes where, with crossed arms, Jersey Joe attempted to defend himself from the assault. But Louis seemed letter perfect now, as perfect as he was when at the height of his fighting career he had gained the nom-de-guerre of the Brown Bomber and Fighting Demon.

Nothing could stop now. Revenge for the monkeyshines played on him in their previous encounter when Jersey Joe took all the play away from the champ was what Louis was now seeking and it became obvious that in only a few more seconds his goal would have been reached.

The punches jarred Walcott from head to heels. His body began to sway. His knees began to sag. His arms dropped to his sides. He no longer was able to defend himself. Louis got set for the coup-de-grace, but Nature intervened before he could land the final wallop, as Walcott dropped to the canvas. For those few seconds the gathering saw the Louis of old in action. He was a fighting demon.



His legs turned to rubber, Jersey Joe Walcott is shown hanging on to the ropes while Referee Frank Fullam seeks to grasp him about the body to prevent him from falling to the canvas again after being knocked out in the eleventh round.

ARTHUR DONOVAN, knockdown timer, tolled two when Walcott rolled over on his back and lay with arms outstretched. As Donovan and Referee Fullam in unison counted seven, Walcott rolled over, struggled to his knees. He began to crawl as the eight and nine count proceeded but Fate ruled against him and the "ten" found him still on the canvas.

The fight was over. The "winner and still world champion" was Joe Louis.

For the fifth time in a title bout he had mowed down an opponent who had sought a second chance at the crown, and he turned the trick in lesser time than in their first engagement.

When he got to his feet, Walcott was so helpless, he fell toward the ropes with Fullam quickly coming to the rescue. The referee put his arms about the beaten gladiator and held on to him until Jersey Joe's handlers could reach the scene.

Bedlam broke loose. The Yankee Stadium was like a madhouse. Shouts of "Joe, Joe," rent the air as the ringside reporters and photographers tried desperately to gain the attention of the winner.

"He did it again!" shouted many of the spectators who had temporarily forgotten the ten rounds of novice competition that had preceded the kayo, to remember only the greatness of the man who had come through at a time when the odds were against him and it appeared he would be shorn of his crown if the bout had gone the limit.

Joe Louis had made good. He had failed in his promise to score a quick knockout, but he had given the spectators a sufficient thrill by which they would remember his final stand in the professional ring. Up to the time of the kayo the fans had been lulled to sleep by a mediocre performance that was even worse than their first setto in the Garden last December. The day was saved for both Louis and boxing when he suddenly abandoned his shuffling-in tactics, to become an effective aggressor and tear the opposition into smithereens!

Had the bout gone the limit, the chances are that Louis would have been shorn of his crown, judging by the score cards of the officials.

Judge Jack O'Sullivan and Harold Barnes had Walcott in the lead through the tenth round, the former by a margin of five for Walcott, four for Louis and one even and Harold by six to three and one even, while Referee Fullam scored it five for the champ, two for Jersey Joe and three even. My tally had Louis in the lead five rounds to four and one even.

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AS in their previous fight, Walcott side-stepped, back-pedaled, feinted, twisted, went into reverse, and even engaged in some quick walking around the ring while tossing occasional left jabs to the face and often flicking with the open glove.

That was his style of milling and he had decided it was the one he would employ to gain the championship.

Apparently it met with approval so far as Judges Barnes and O'Sullivan were concerned for their cards indicated that they saw nothing wrong with this type of attack for each scored the points in his favor. But Referee Fullam couldn't see it that way.

The fans besieged him to make the boys fight and he warned both several times and penalized Jersey Joe as the greater offender. For this he was condemned by the challenger and his handlers who insisted that had not the official cautioned Jersey Joe so frequently and had he permitted Walcott to fight as he had planned, the challenger would have won the fight. The referee's action played no part in Walcott's defeat.

But there were thousands of fans in the Stadium who took the side of Fullam in this argument, the writer included. The third man in the ring has a duty to perform. He must see that the fighters provide an honest, clean battle and give the best in them. This neither Louis nor Walcott gave and the warnings directed by Fullam were proper.

Had Louis and Walcott been fighting in an English ring, the bout would have been halted before the kayo and would have been called "no-contest." They stalked, walked, shuffled, jigged, back-stepped in a manner that ill-fitted a world champion and leading challenger and boxing owes a vote of thanks to Fullam for taking the bull by the horns and forcing the men into the action that culminated in the eleventh round knockout.

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DURING the first two rounds, there was scarcely any action. The pair engaged in shadow boxing with a few jabs to the face of each, altering the monotony. This was the procedure in the majority of the first ten rounds.

Louis, as in his first bout with Jersey Joe, had to come off the floor to win for he was dropped with a right that struck high on the cheek, in the third round. The blow didn't affect the champ any, except to hurt his pride for he leaped up as Donovan counted one and the angry look on the champ's face, indicated his feelings. Unlike the tigerish Jack Dempsey, Louis did nothing about evening the score in a hurry. He bided his time, always waiting for the opening which he hoped would come before the fight ended.

In the fifth session, the champ again felt the sting of the Walcott punch when his knees sagged as Jersey Joe clouted him with a right to the jaw in a brief exchange. But thereafter few right hand effective punches were landed by the challenger.

Louis had found a defense and henceforth, almost every right that Walcott tossed Louis' way, was either ducked or side-stepped. Louis usually got under the blow.

Louis' cautiousness grew in the sixth and seventh rounds when he took no chances and guarded himself carefully against the right of his opponent. But in the eighth and ninth rounds, after Louis' handlers noted fatigue on the part of Walcott, Louis opened up with hard left jabs that brought a smile from Walcott, the smile that usually accompanies a hurt feeling on the part of the receiver. The jabs were stiff and hurt.

Near the end of the ninth round Walcott let go a right that crashed against the champ's head and shook him up and in the tenth, the challenger, now bolder than ever, landed four rights, three to the head and one to the body while Louis stood flustered.

Those were the last heavy punches scored by the Jerseyite. Henceforth he was the receiver.

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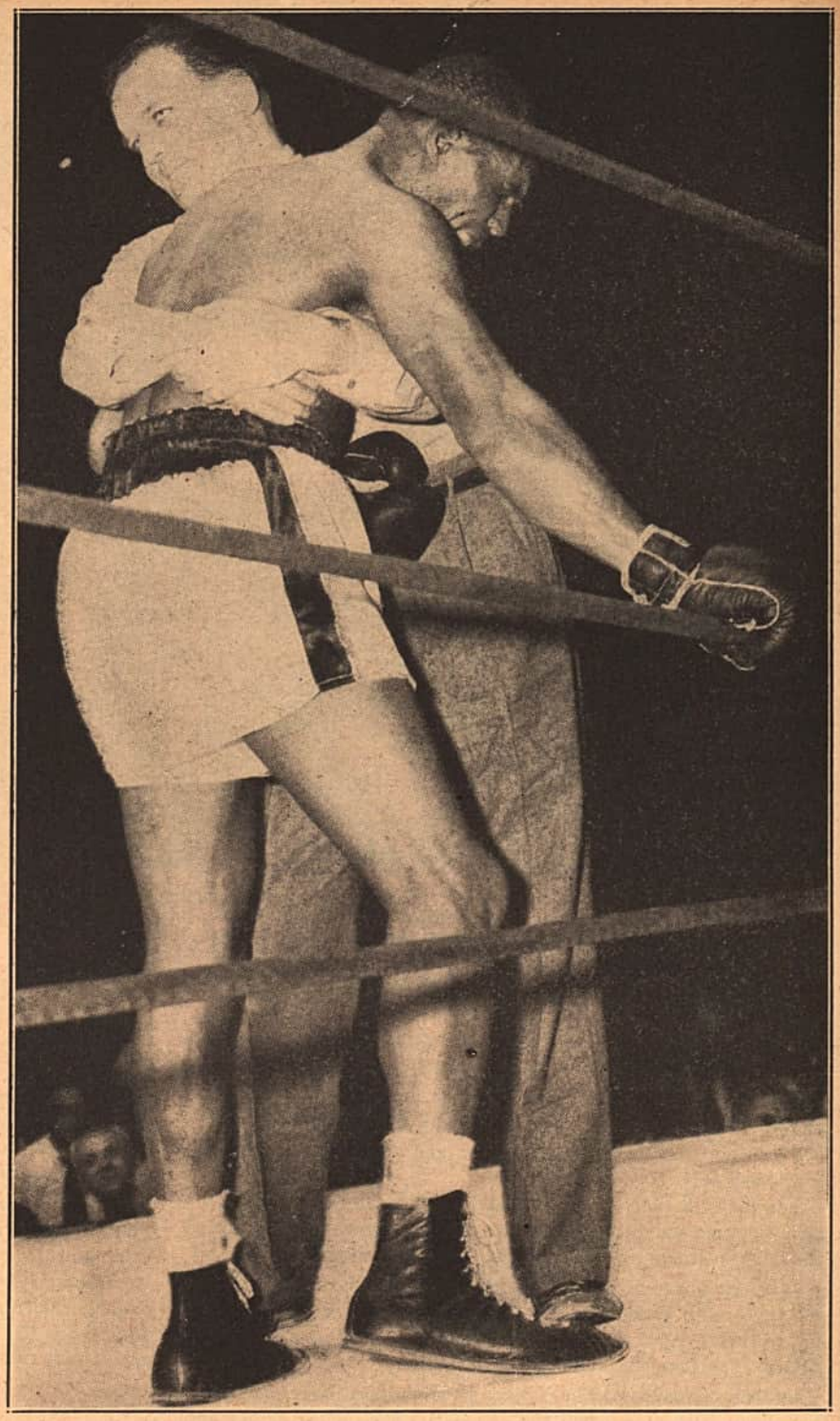
THE champion boxed faultlessly in the eleventh and final round. He was told by Mannie Seamon, his chief second, to "go out and get him. He's tired now. Make this the round," and the champ obeyed.

Three left jabs started the round for the champion and a flurry of blows ended it with Jersey Joe counted out. It was a great ending to a battle that must be recorded in ring history as the poorest, dullest heavyweight championship ever fought.

Louis, who scaled 213½ two days before the postponed battle, left the ring amid cheers of a throng that seemed highly pleased that his wish to retire the world's undefeated heavyweight king was granted to him, while Walcott, who scaled 194¾, stood in mid-ring, thinking perhaps what might have been, had he been able to continue his jig and walk for four more rounds.

Louis had wiped out his dubious win over the Jersey challenger last December in a manner so convincing that there could be no doubt about who was the master. Thus Louis lived up to tradition as he beat every opponent the second time around.

The savage Joe Louis who drew thousands into the ball parks and millions into the coffers of Mike Jacobs, his promoter, lived again for only a few moments in the twenty-fifth defense of his crown, but the devastation he brought about as he stunned his challenger into submission, enabled him to retire with head held up high, a king with a record that may never be equalled.



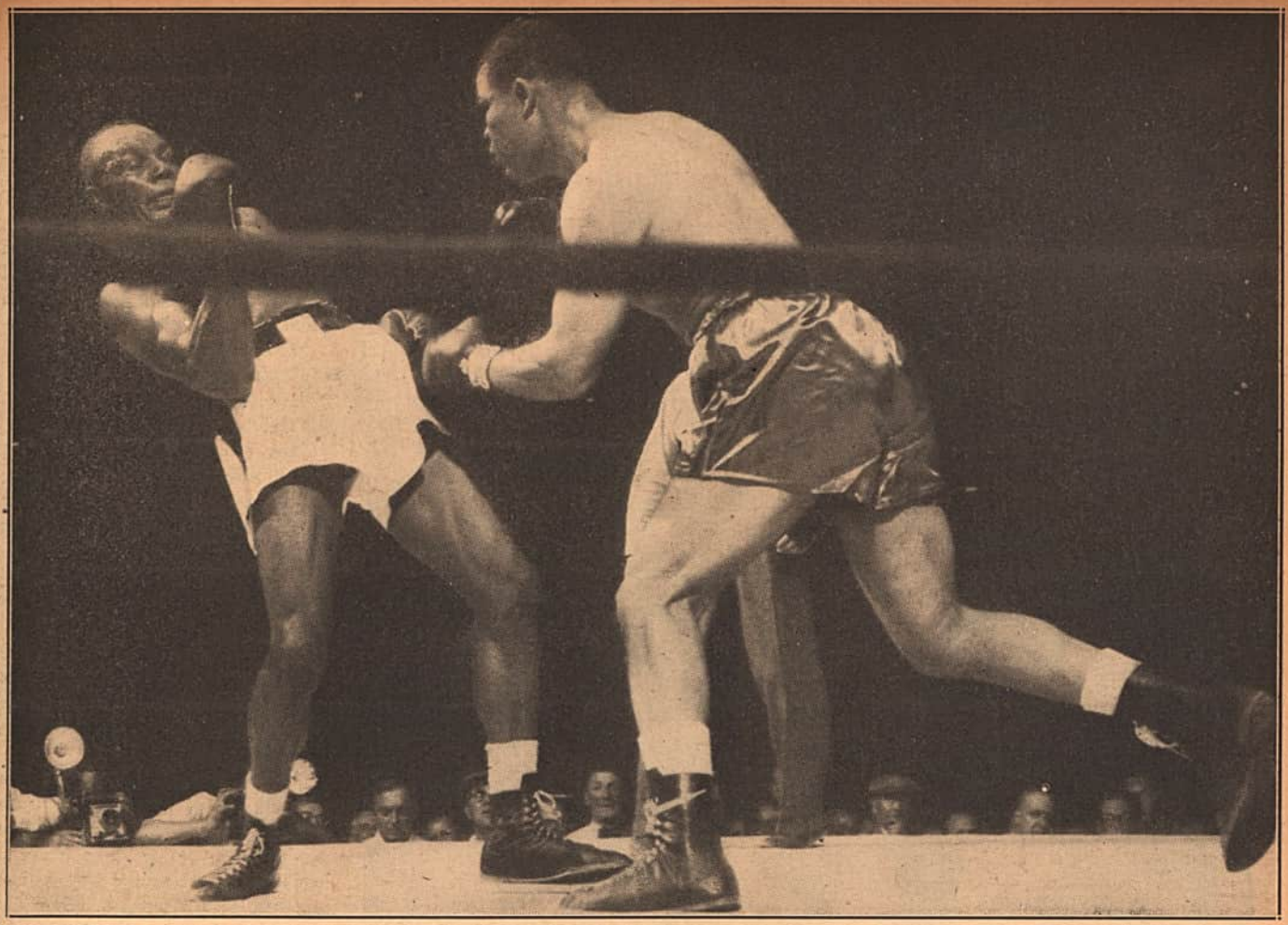
Portrait of an ex-challenger. A rubber-legged Jersey Joe Walcott is held upright by Referee Frank Fullam after being down for the doleful decimal in his return fight with Joe Louis. A barrage, that reminded the Yankee Stadium fans of the Louis of old, demoralized the challenger and put him into dreamland.

The Brown Bomber is well fortified against the possible "rainy day" which all pugilists fear. Contrary to general reports that Joe Louis is financially in distress, Joe is far from broke. Here is the financial status of Louis:

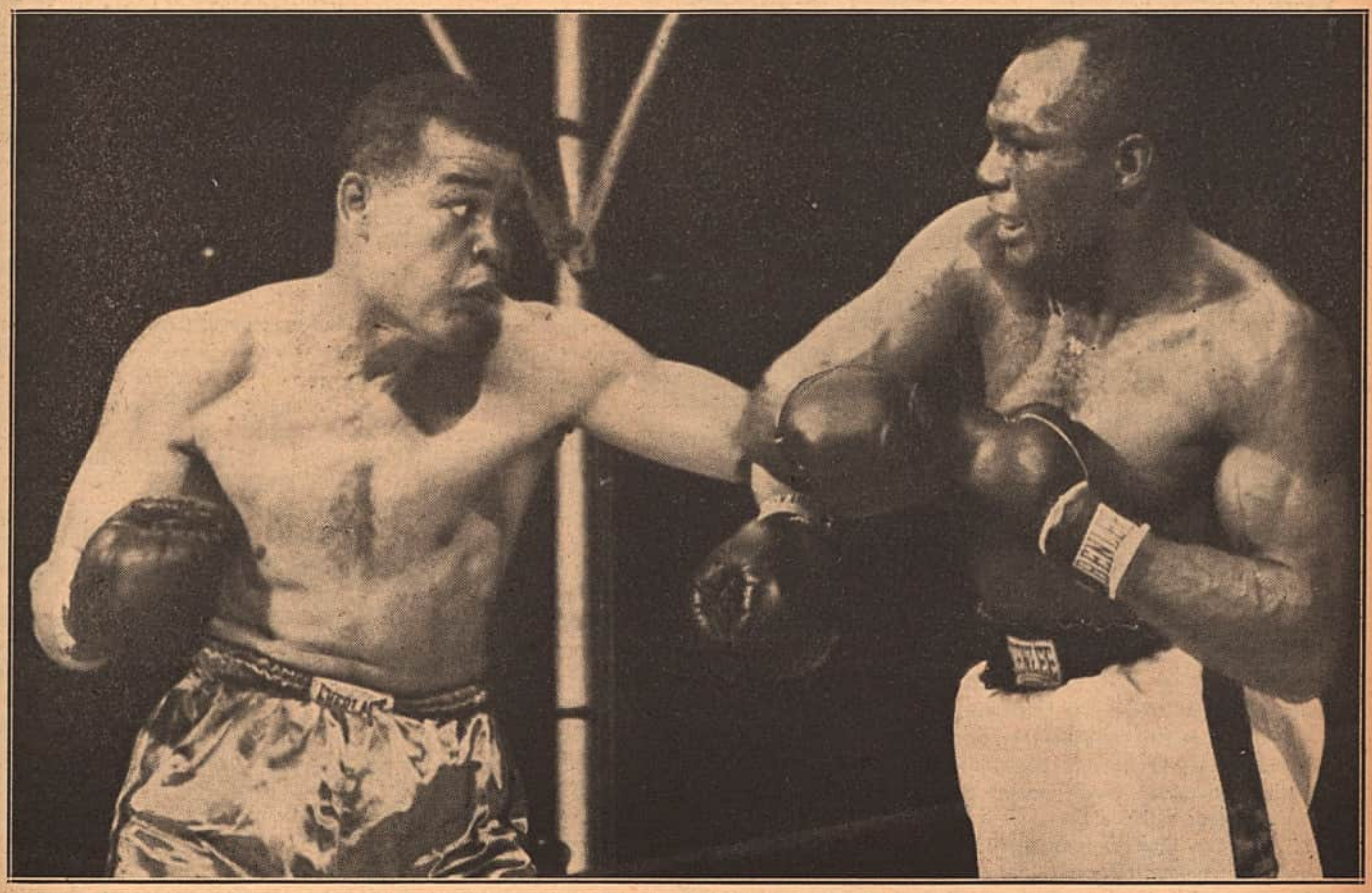
After paying his last income tax, Joe had on the credit side of the ledger, with all debts cleared, two apartment houses in Chicago, two flats in Detroit, a home in Wayne, Michigan, two paid-up annuities which matured in 1946 but which Louis requested the company not to start paying until after he reaches his fortieth birthday, after which he will receive $600 a month for life; a trust fund for his mother which guarantees her $200 monthly for life; a trust fund for the education and upbringing of his daughter, Jacqueline; stock and a directorship in the Joe Louis Punch, a soft drink company, and stock in the Superior Life Insurance Company, of which he is a vice-president.

However, the way things shape up at this writing, it looks like the Brown Bomber will find it "convenient" to make at least one more stand before he hangs up his gloves. There is every indication of such a move on his part. He likes the game too much to keep away from it and with a chance to clean up at least $350,000 more before the year ends, he is not likely to turn a deaf ear to those who are doing all within their power to persuade him to change his mind.

The fact that Joe Louis had agreed to come to New York on July 23 to discuss his future with Mike Jacobs and that on that day the Twentieth Century S. C. must make known its September plans to the Yankee Stadium management, is what makes me feel that Louis will fight again in September.



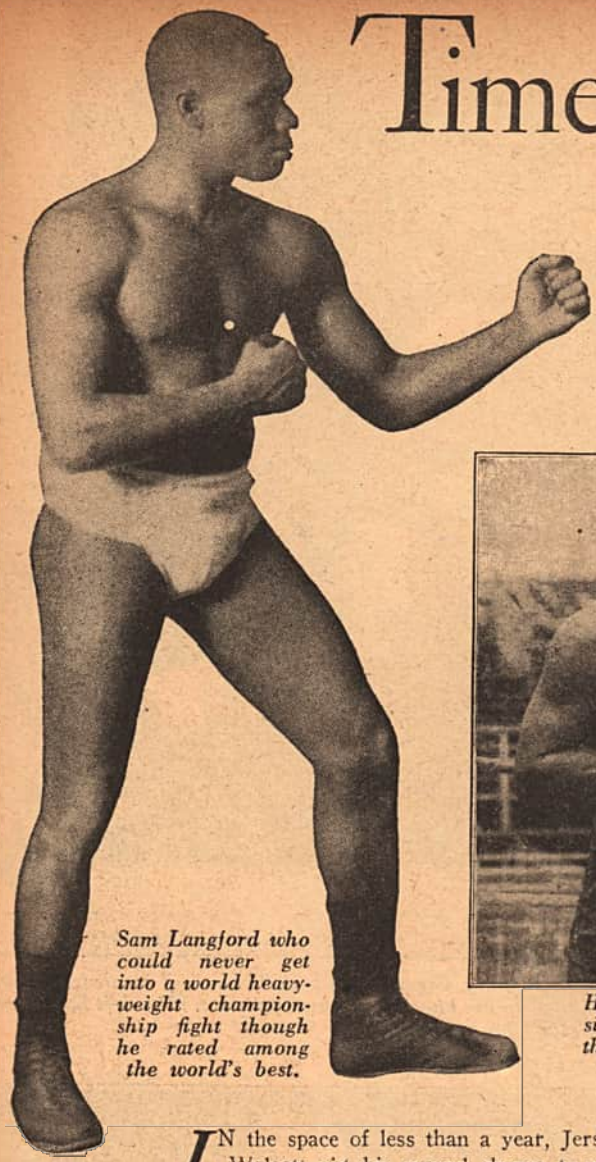
Shortly after the eleventh round got under way, Jersey Joe Walcott, cocksure of victory, began to act with "flaunting" insolence toward the champ. Louis, riled, leaped forth and began an offensive that soon resulted in the knockout of his opponent. With left hand leading, he has his right cocked ready for action.



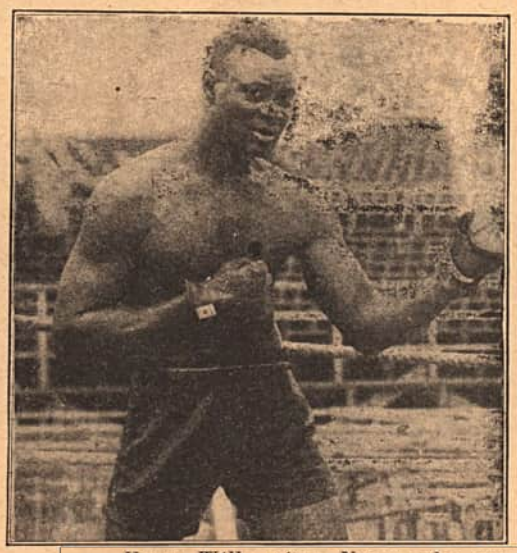
A scared Walcott entwines his right around Louis's left arm while the champion is set for the blow that started his opponent to crumple. There is "murder" in the eyes of Louis as he gets set for the "kill."

Times *have* Changed

By TED CARROLL



Sam Langford who could never get into a world heavyweight championship fight though he rated among the world's best.



Harry Wills, giant Negro who was sidestepped by Jack Dempsey as was the great Peter Jackson by John L. Sullivan.

IN the space of less than a year, Jersey Joe Walcott got his second chance to win the heavyweight championship of the world when he clashed with Joe Louis on June 25. Veterans recall the long years of struggle put in by such old time Negro greats as Sam Langford, Harry Wills, George Godfrey, Peter Jackson, Joe Jeannette and Sam M'Vey, none of whom ever got as much as a single crack at the crown. These fellows, all of them able ring men, never made it for a variety of reasons, the chief of which was that they were born a long time too soon for the commercial era of boxing.

For world wide interest, pugilism still rates tops in international competition and the tolerant trend of the times has opened the door of opportunity ever wider in what has always been the most democratic of sports. Of all the worthies previously mentioned, probably none fared as harshly as did old Sam Langford. A great many folks will tell you that the squat Bostonian was the greatest man who ever stepped into the ring. He never held a title! He never even got a chance to win one!

Sam fought and defeated some of the world's greatest champions in every class from lightweight to heavyweight in his 22 years in the ring but there was always some hitch that kept him from becoming a titleholder himself.

As far back as 1903, he defeated a prize ring immortal, Joe Gans, lightweight king, in 15 rounds in Boston. Sam moved up a notch and tangled with another figure of equal eminence in the squared circle, the terrible Barbados Demon, Joe Walcott, welterweight champion, on September 5, 1904 in Manchester, Mass. That bout was called a draw. Sam had been a couple of pounds over the class limit in both these matches so couldn't have become a titleholder no matter what happened.

Having gotten by these "soft ones" Sam, weighing about 155 pounds in 1906, was now ready for the big shots in the higher divisions, among them, Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion to-be. A lot has been written about this famous bout which took place in Chelsea, Mass., on April 26, 1906. For a long time the legend spread that Sam dropped the big fellow and raised such cain with him that Johnson carefully avoided him thereafter. However disclosures by the late great T. A. (Tad) Dorgan and others, reveal that Sam, good as he was, wasn't quite that good and that Johnson's height, weight and great defensive skill proved too much for Sambo.

Jack himself, never a shrinking violet, always claimed it was one of his easiest battles. This may not have been altogether accurate but it has been established that Johnson won quite handily.

Still Johnson was never at home to Sam's repeated challenges during the years that Jack held the heavyweight championship of the world. The Chelsea affair was the first and last time the two great fighters met.

The years went by and Sam Langford plied his pugilistic trade in all the corners of the globe against any who could be found to engage him. Along the way, he met up with the renowned middleweight champion, the great Stanley Ketchel in a six-round no-decision contest on April 27, 1910. He knocked out Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, a light-heavyweight titleholder of unusual merit, in five rounds in 1911.

Langford faced four men—Gans, Walcott, Ketchel, and Johnson—each of whom is frequently called the greatest champion in his respective division. Yet Langford acquitted himself nobly each time but the magic words "champion of the world" were never directed at his corner, as he never got the chance as a titleholder when the crown was on the line.

Sam M'Vey and Joe Jeannette were contemporaneous with Langford, which also means that they were active during Jack Johnson's reign as heavyweight king. These three—Jeannette, M'Vey and Langford—made careers out of facing each other since once he won the title, Johnson ignored the trio. "Lil Artha" did meet a man of his own race when he faced one Battling Jim Johnson in a 10-round affair held in Paris during Jack's period of exile. This took place on December 19, 1914 and was called a draw after Johnson had to quit because of a broken hand.

Johnson's apparent aversion towards tangling with his more formidable Negro challengers as champion has never actually been explained. Some critics declare that Jack—a vain-glorious fellow—had visions of going down in history as the only Negro to ever hold the heavyweight championship of the world and had no desire to jeopardize that exalted position.

In his pre-championship days, Johnson thoroughly demonstrated his superiority over all his Negro brethren. He beat Sam M'Vey in 1903, then kayoed him in 1904. He had an edge over Jeannette in six meetings between the two.

Other Negro heavies of the period, such as Frank Childs, Denver Ed Martin, Joe Butler, Black Bill, were all well taken care of by the man from Galveston. Johnson could probably see no reason for repeating a task he had well accounted for before winning the championship. At any rate, unlike Walcott, M'Vey, Langford and Jeannette had to go along fighting each other in an endless merry-go-round and be satisfied to forget about any title bout.

Things were a whole lot different *(Continued on page 34)*

Louis *and* Tunney *are* Ring Counterparts

Like Gene, Joe Has Quit Undefeated Heavyweight Champion—Jeffries Could Not Stay Away

By AL BUCK

WHEN in his crowded dressing room, deep in the bowels of the Yankee Stadium, Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, announced that he was retiring from the ring, he created a situation not precisely new to boxing.

Louis defended the title 25 times in 11 years and defeated every outstanding contender. Naturally the field from which his successor will be chosen has been depleted by his powerful fists, a fact that Louis seemed to recognize when he made no effort to name a heir-apparent to the throne.

"What are you going to do with the title?" the writer asked the champion as he announced his abdication.

"You can have it," Joe replied.

The champion's little joke only emphasized the difference between the present situation and that created when Gene Tunney retired as heavyweight king in 1928.

Just before the Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fight started, Tunney was introduced from the ring as the only undefeated heavyweight champion. Gene must move over now and share the distinction with Louis.

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TUNNEY chose a different setting to announce to the world that he was abdicating in favor of any heavyweight, who, with his fists, could prove his right to the throne of John L. Sullivan. The setting was the Biltmore Hotel, and the occasion a luncheon given by Nat Fleischer, publisher of this magazine, who presented to the retiring champion "the Ring's Most Valuable Boxer Award."

The sixty guests, most of them working boxing writers, were surprised and sent rushing to the telephones, when Tunney began his speech with:—

"I have fought my last fight as a professional. . . . It is natural with a certain regret that I announce my permanent retirement from the ring.

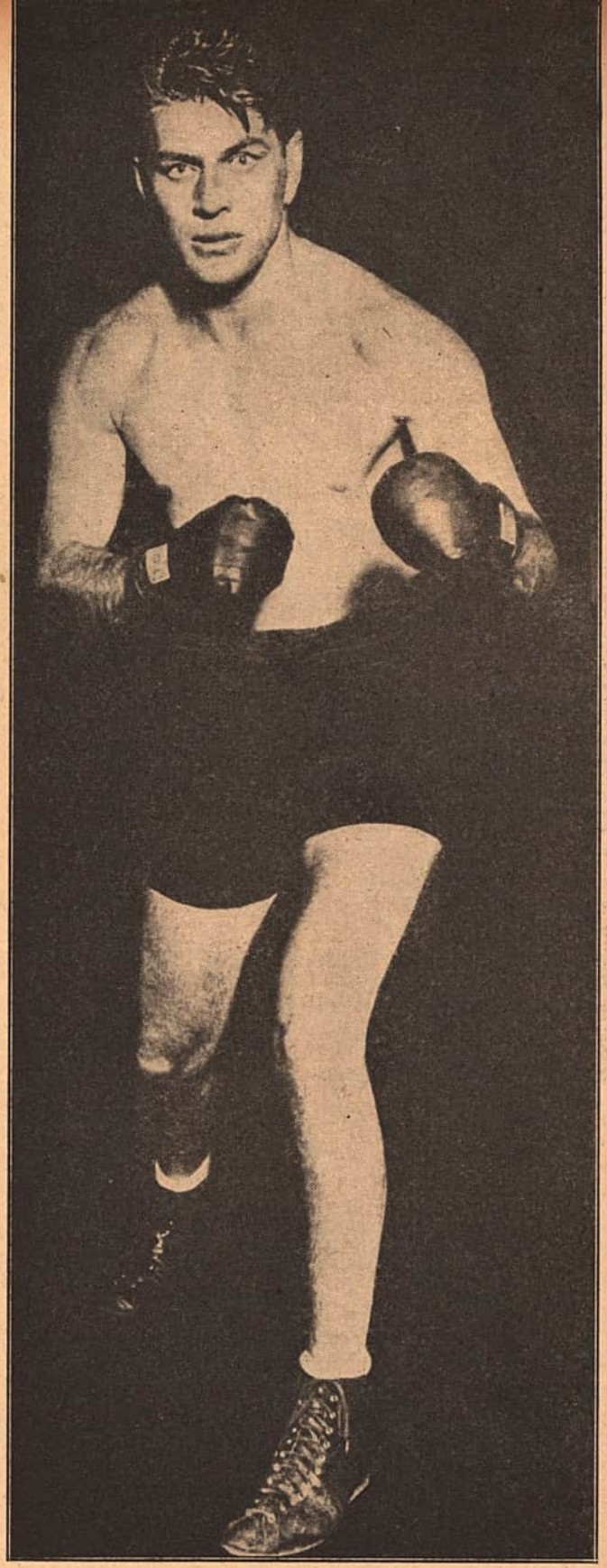
"I shall always take a live and active interest in boxing. There is no finer physical exercise, or more engrossing science. I have great affection for boxing, and one of my chief desires has been to leave the game better than I found it.

"I have tried to be not only a champion, but a sportsman."

To make his retirement official, Tunney joined with William Muldoon, chairman of the New York Commission, in setting up a permanent trophy, on which appear the names of all the world heavyweight champions from Sullivan to Louis. The Tunney-Muldoon Trophy, as it is called, stands in the rotunda of Madison Square Garden, where it has been viewed and admired by millions of boxing fans.

Tunney explained his retirement in part by saying that there was no contender capable of attracting real public interest. If that was true then, it is even more true today, for Louis, in his final hour, was a champion with no more challengers to conquer.

Actually there were several heavyweights, who might have given Tunney a fight. Not the least among them was Jack Sharkey, the ex-sailor from Boston, whom many believed should have been Gene's opponent, rather than Tom Heeney, in what proved to be the champion's last fight.



Gene Tunney, who retired as world heavyweight king and never attempted a comeback.

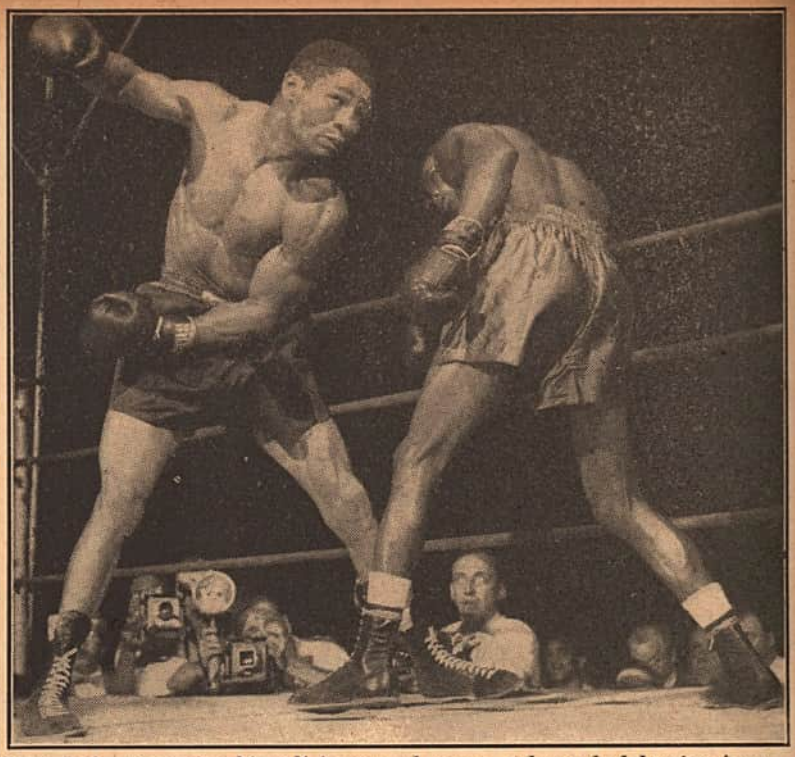
Tex Rickard, the promoter, promptly set about the business of crowning a new champion. He listed as worthy contenders, Sharkey, Paulino Uzcudun, the Basque Woodchopper; Johnny Risko, the Cleveland rubberman; Knute Hansen, and Heeney.

The line formed at the ring. Sharkey *(Continued on page 34)*

WEIGHT MAKING COSTLY

Beau Jack Learns It the Hard Way in Battle With Williams —Badly Battered, Referee Stops Title Contest in Sixth Round

By NAT FLEISCHER



Beau Jack, supporting himself in neutral corner, takes a bad beating from Ike Williams until referee halts championship bout in sixth round.

WEIGHT making is very dangerous. That much has been learned by many famous fighters who tried it once too often and Beau Jack, former holder of the lightweight crown, learned it when he faced Ike Williams in Shibe Park, Philadelphia, during the Democratic Convention week. The Georgia shoe shine lad who was twice recognized as world champion by most states, attempted to set a record by relieving Williams of the championship, but he met with the fate that has so frequently fallen to the lot of others in his boots when he was halted in 33 seconds of the sixth round of a thrilling encounter.

For two rounds Beau Jack was the same tearing-in, aggressive battler of his prime. He swarmed all over the champion, shooting his piston-like left into Ike's face, tossing punches from all angles much to the discomforture of the titleholder, exhibiting the furious flurries that so frequently brought down the House that Tex Built with wild cheers when the Georgian was fighting his way to the front.

Then came the change. His stamina gave way. He had shot his bolt. Weight making, reducing far beyond what his body could stand for a strenuous evening's workout with as good a fighter as Williams, began to slow him up. And with that, Ike Williams started to show the way. By the end of the fifth round the boys, according to the official count of the referee and judges, were on even terms. My score card also showed no advantage for either.

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NOW came the deluge. The sixth round, the one in which Williams knocked out Bob Montgomery to win the crown, had opened. And with the clang of the bell, came a fusillade of lefts and rights. The round began with a sharp left hook catching Jack on the jaw and sending him against the ropes near Williams' corner. It was the start of the finish for the challenger.

Sensing the kill, Williams tore into his adversary like a tiger going after its prey. There was no let up.

He smashed away with both hands, rocking the former shoe shine kid into a helpless state. The blows were rained on head, face and jaw until the champ looked at the referee, hoping the official would step in and halt the slaughter.

But Referee Daggert was not yet ready to turn to mercy. He figured this was a championship bout and he would give the challenger every opportunity to carry on even if, as it seemed, that such procedure might bring on a fatality.

Williams stepped in again and continued the heavy barrage. Punch after punch landed with such effectiveness that Jack's knees sagged and his head was snapped back half a dozen times but he refused to go down.

Again an appealing look at the referee from Williams temporarily halted the attack, but the official took no notice while the fans yelled for him to stop it. It was only after a third barrage had Beau Jack slipping down towards the canvas that Referee Daggert finally intervened and the Georgian's quest for lightweight honors, was over.

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HE made a great try to set a record but Nature had taken its toll when he reduced to 134 pounds to make weight for his opponent who also scaled 134. Jack disagreed with the scribes who blamed the weight reduction as the cause of his downfall. He said in his dressing room that it was the left hook to the jaw that turned the trick. And, he added, though there is more money in the lightweight class, he'll fight hereafter as a welterweight.

For Williams, it was his third title defense since winning the world crown from Bob Montgomery and his second successful defense in six weeks. Prior to the fight in Philly he had taken a close one from Enrique Bolanos in California. If he can continue to show the type of fighting he exhibited against Beau Jack, there is no danger of anyone depriving him of his laurels at this stage.

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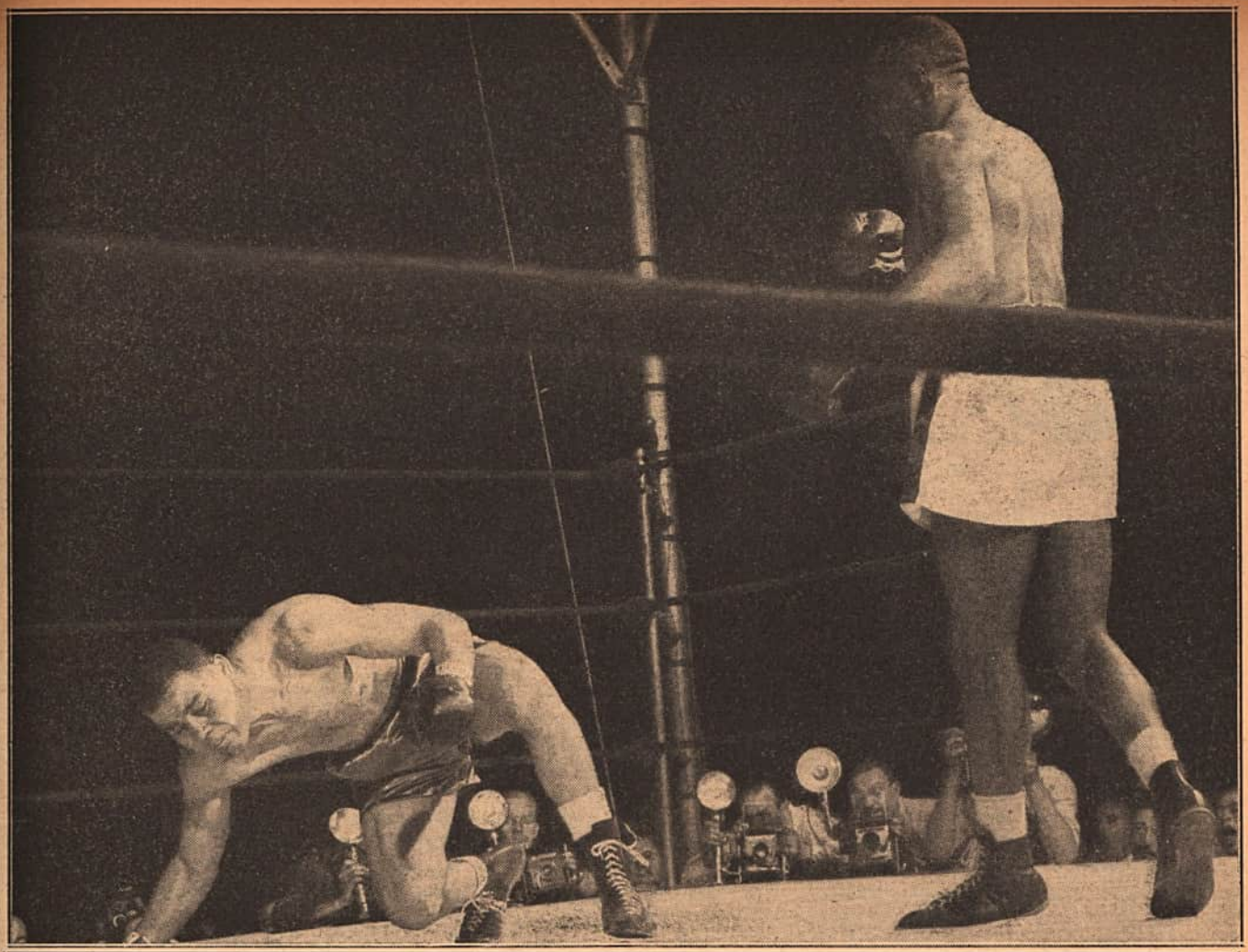
THE crowd was disappointing, only 12,952 persons who paid $83,787, attending despite the Democratic Convention. But those who came to see the bout, were not disappointed.

Though the referee did not have to count him out, he was as far gone as any fighter could possibly be without lying prone on the canvas listening to the birdies sing. It was the first time in four years that the Georgian has made the lightweight limit. His stamina was gone after the second round when he walked in, arms protecting his face and tasted a volley of sharp-shooting short blows sent his way by the champion.

In the 33 seconds of the sixth round when Williams so quickly turned the tide, Jack presented a pitiful sight as he tried to avoid the wallops of the champion, who had his opponent's face smeared with blood, the claret coming from nose and mouth. Jack had done his best but he didn't have what it takes to win from Ike Williams. It was Ike's sixteenth straight victory.

Ike in his latest battle, proved that he rates among the best of the lightweights of recent years. He is a cool fighter and knows how to take quick advantage of openings. Like Benny Leonard, a mistake made by an opponent, proves costly. And speaking of "mistakes," I hope that Referee Daggert learned something from the fight—when to halt a contest in which one opponent is so far outclassed as was Beau Jack. Williams' appeal meant nothing to Referee Daggert.



One gets up; the other is counted out. The pictures on this page cover two dramatic stages of the Louis-Walcott fight. (Above)—The third knockdown suffered by the champ in his two bouts with Jersey Joe. Louis takes count of one in third round. (Below)—Referee Frank Fullam completing the "fatal ten" count over Walcott in 2:56 of the eleventh round at the Yankee Stadium.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Louis' Reign One Long to Be Remembered
Willard Explains Eye-Shading Episode
New York Scoring Rules Need Changing

HOW does Joe Louis rate with the great men of his division of the past?

That is a query that has often been fired at me since Joe defeated Walcott and publicly announced his retirement. Whether he sticks to that decision, time alone will tell though it is my opinion that he will fight again. But one thing stands out regardless of his future—he is still champion of the world and the best man not only of recent years but at present. There is no one in the heavyweight division who figures to beat him, old as he is and slow as he is. No other champion in all ring history has given so many contenders the opportunity to win the crown from the title holder and as such he at least holds a record—the greatest of all time. Until, Joe, in writing, submits his resignation to the New York Commission and the N.B.A. he will retain the title he now holds.

Scan the Bomber's record. Look over the list of the rated heavyweights from the time that Joe Louis whipped Jimmy Braddock to win the world crown to the present day and you'll note that not a deserving contender failed to receive the chance of a fighter's lifetime—to fight for the richest of all plums in boxing—the heavyweight crown. Those whom he whipped the first time but in a manner that made the public feel the victim was entitled to another shot, promptly got it from Louis.

There's nobody around who can whip the champion today and for that reason if for no other, Louis will make another defense of his title despite his previous statement. Uncle Mike Jacobs is Louis' guide and what Mike requests, Louis will do. Mike thinks that Joe has made a mistake in announcing his ring retirement and I've been told by unimpeachable sources that Mike has pointed out to Louis that with nothing to fear so far as injury or defeat is concerned and plenty of cash available no matter who the opponent might be, Louis will be foolish not to change his mind. And change his mind, Joe will. Of that I'm certain. Joe will oblige because of two important reasons:

1—He loves the fight game and is an obliging guy.

2—He needs ready cash and nothing can get that for him more readily and easily than through a world heavyweight championship fight. Let's see how wrong I am.

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AS for his all time rating, Joe Louis ranks high though not tops. No matter what one might say about the kind of opposition he faced, he still proved his right to a place among the first ten. He is the only heavyweight king who didn't bar an opponent who met with public approval. In hitting power at least, he could have held his own with the likes of Jeffries, Fitzsimmons and Dempsey. In cleverness, he had his superiors but comparing his great record with that of any of his predecessors, none can deny him a place among the Immortals of the Roped Square.

Louis has lent prestige and dignity to the heavyweight division. His punching power was the magnet that drew thousands into the stadiums and rolled up millions for the promoters. Whether he comes back for another title defense or keeps in retirement, his name will always be a bright spot in the history of boxing.

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THE National Boxing Association through Abe Greene, its president, has called for speedy action in promotion of the defense of titles in all boxing classes "to stimulate a sorely needed shot-in-the-arm" for the sport. Admitting that there are still a number of outstanding bouts which will attract throngs, President Greene warned that unless champions get off their exalted horses and permit more genuine competition to be inspired below the top bracket, "there is grave danger of the sport dying of dry rot."

Greene pointed to television as a great threat to boxing.

"Of all the sports," said Greene, "boxing is the best from the viewpoint of video presentation. The action is brought right up to the screen, making it possible for the television spectator to see it from a working press seat. The challenge to those in the sport, therefore, is to make it so inviting that the genuine fan will not be lured away from the ringside, while at the same time fans will be attracted from the vast and growing television audience."

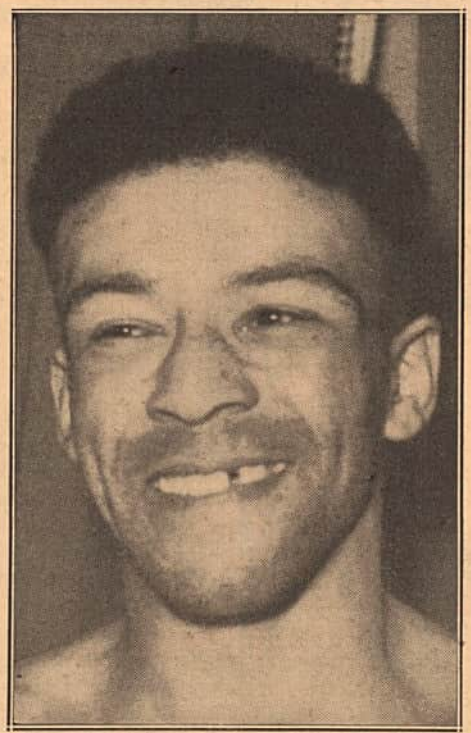
"All of the present champions have been perennials," the N.B.A. head pointed out. "The heavyweight dilemma created by Joe Louis' mastery and his announced retirement is only a symbol of what is happening in all divisions.

"A rundown of the classes will prove the point. Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion, has been on the throne since 1941. If he retains his title against Freddie Mills in London, he should return to the U.S. and defend it against Ezzard Charles, a thoroughly deserving challenger. Tony Zale, newly restored middleweight king, is committed to a defense of the title against either Marcel Cerdan or Sugar Ray Robinson, which is as it should be.

"Robinson, welterweight champion, proved in his recent bout with Bernie Docusen in Chicago that he has outgrown that division and that weight-making is not only difficult but robs him of the stamina which made him a great fighter.

"Willie Pep, king of the featherweights, has been a fairly active fellow, but he ought to lay his title on the line against one of the top boys, notably Sandy Saddler or Chico Rosa, who recently defeated Saddler.

"Manuel Ortiz has been a noteworthy



Dick Turpin, the first Negro to win a British title. Previously he had won the British Empire championship. He is one of three fighting brothers.

bantam champion but outside of his own realm in the west, few know him to be the great fighter he is. His defenses should come more numerously and over scattered territory."

Reverting again to television, President Greene said it is becoming more and more apparent that there will have to be a meeting of the minds of boxing and video interests to work out a far-seeing program in which both the sport and its modern-day exploiter will be protected.

"Unless this is done," he said, "confusion and a mutual impairment of interests is bound to result. Television needs boxing, and boxing welcomes television, but they must operate on a plane of cordial cooperation and not cut-throat competition."

King Gustav V of Sweden, an ardent sports enthusiast who at ninety years, includes tennis in his daily routine, is seen here with T 'jalle Palton, Scandinavian boxing promoter as they watch the bouts in the King's Hall at Oslo, Sweden. His majesty is a staunch boxing fan.

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SO far in this country close to 400 boxers have had their license revoked by State Athletic Commissions to check the piling up of accidents and deaths due to poor physical condition. The latest to act was the Pennsylvania Board which revoked the licenses of eighteen boxers and wrestlers in the move for the betterment of both sports.

Now if the commissions will take time out to act against those who are using more than one name to ply their trade, they will have a double check on undesirables in boxing. There still are many boxers who, to avoid detection, to hide their poor record, use "phoney" names as they travel from city to city, often engaging in three or more contests a week and losing each. Knockouts are usually suffered by this type. They should be halted.

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THOSE who have seen the photograph of Jack Johnson shading his eyes while being counted out in his fight at Havana with Jess Willard, scoff at the thought that the bout was on the level. I often have been severely criticized for harping on the statement that the Pottowatomie Giant won that Cuban battle fairly and that contrary to the report emanating from Johnson that he "laid down," it was Johnson's lack of condition plus the tremendous heat that caused the Negro's downfall.

Now comes a statement from Willard, the first he has ever made on this point. Riled by a story that had recently been published telling of the Havana "fake," Willard issued the following:

"I'm tired of having that widely-circulated picture of the knockout of Johnson pointed to as convincing proof that I didn't win the world heavyweight championship but had it tossed to me by Jack Johnson who was well paid to see that I was the victor. I won that fight because I was the better man—better conditioned and a better fighter at the time than was Johnson.

"In order to advertise the film widely by showing the knockout, a portion of the film was cut to make a still out of it. The next shot shows Johnson rolling over on his side but the one so often used, shows him as he fell on his back and through reflexes, his hand automatically went up to shade the eyes. If you'd seen the film in its entirety, you would soon note how Johnson was counted out resting on his side. The picture so often used is unfair to me and Jack Johnson took advantage of it by offering it as proof in his stories of 'How I faked the Havana fight,' when he knew right well that I licked him fairly and squarely.

"Do you recall the fight between Billy Conn and Joe Louis, their second battle. Well in the pictures of that contest you will see Billy doing exactly what Johnson did—Conn's right hand is up, shading his eyes from the lights.

"It was not done on purpose. It was an automatic movement as was Johnson's in my knockout of him, yet no one said that Conn and Louis engaged in a fake."

In that I am happy to say that Willard and I agree 100 percent, I saw the Havana bout and can vouch for the accuracy of Willard's statement.

Incidentally Willard, like Jimmy Braddock, credits Louis with having the best left jab and hook in the business, better than any heavyweight of recent years. I have often said that Jack Dempsey possessed the most lethal left hook the punch that spelled doom for his opponents. But Willard thinks otherwise. He thinks that Louis is a better hitter than was Dempsey.

Discussing his fight with Dempsey, Big Jess puts credence in the phoney yarn that the Manassa Mauler had plaster of paris inside the gloves on the day he slaughtered Willard.

"All I know is that Dempsey never hit anyone so hard as he did me, either before he beat me or after. In fact he never did anything to talk about before he joined Kearns and never after he left Kearns. Kearns was the master mind and I believe those stories about the plaster of paris."

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IT happened during the month—At the Leyton Football Grounds, in a bout between Teddy Lee of Islington and Neil McCearn of Glasgow, Lee was dropped eleven times before the referee halted the contest in the third round. . . .

Jackie Paterson, former world flyweight champion, arrived in America to start a campaign in California which he hoped would lead to a fight with Manuel Ortiz for the world bantam crown, but got homesick and returned four days later. . . .

In Syracuse, N. Y., Joey DeJohn and Sonny Horne started a ten rounder on June 29. In the middle of the second it began to rain and the fight was postponed until the following night. On June 30th the fight started again but it was picked up in the middle of the second round and DeJohn went on to take a ten round decision. . . .

British ring history was made when Dick Turpin, eldest of the trio of Turpin boys, became the first Negro fighter to win a British boxing title and a British championship belt. For years Negroes were not permitted to battle for a British crown. Before a gathering of 40,000 persons who braved a drenching in a heavy downpour, Turpin, 27 years old, gained the verdict at the end of fifteen rounds of close milling. On the same program, Rinty Monaghan, world flyweight champion, fighting in the semi-windup, stopped Charlie Squire in the seventh round.

Quite different from boxing in America where a world champion would consider it below his dignity to be signed for anything but the main event!

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WHEN Charley Johnston left for Hawaii to have his little Negro battler, Sandy Saddler, clash with Chico Rosa, Hawaiian titleholder, he remarked that his only reason for taking the fight was because he wanted Sandy to defeat one more of the topnotch feathers who have been clamoring for a shot at Willie Pep's title. "Perhaps," said he, "after my Sandy knocks out Rosa we will finally get recognition as the outstanding contender and gain a match for the world crown."

Well, Johnston figured that Rosa, like most of the boys from other lands who had fallen before the flying fists of Saddler, would be put out of the picture, but he met with a huge surprise when Chico received the decision, by a margin of 2 to 1. One judge voted for a draw and the other two officials gave it to Rosa.

Now Chico is hot on the trail of Pep for a fight in Hawaii for which Lou Viscusi has been offered *(Continued on page 33)*

When the "Swells" Put Glamour *into* Boxing

By FRANCIS ALBERTANTI

NEW YORK—Once upon a time society, theatre and the world of finance had more than a rooting interest in the so-called beak-busting business. It got so, if Slugger So and So and Ham and Egger Jones didn't have a Vanderbilt, Morgan, Biddle or Whitney in their corners, it was no dice. Then came the Jolsons, Rafts, Sinatras—and they sang and acted their best in the dressing rooms before the gladiators climbed through the ropes.

The man who introduced glamour in the prize ring was the late Tex Rickard. The old boy had a flair for publicity and he made the most of it. It was the tall, lean Texan who "mitted" the gang to Anne Morgan when she "promoted" the Devastated France Fund boxing extravaganza in old Madison Square Garden on January 14, 1921. Miss Morgan, who is still in the land of the living and active as ever with her fine charities for France, got a great kick out of the whole thing.

When Miss Morgan and Otto Shuloff, a dress goods merchant, approached Tex Rickard and pleaded with him to put on a fight show for the worthy cause, Tex had no hesitancy lining up a stellar attraction. The best drawing card back in 1921 was undoubtedly little Benny Leonard. The lightweight champion had a terrific following and if he fought you or me, he'd pack 'em to the rafters.

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RICKARD broached the charity angle to Billy Gibson, Leonard's manager. Then the dapper, shrewd Gibson said he was for it.

Opponent? Who'd be the best man? This was going to be a fight, not an exhibition.

The writer suggested Richie Mitchell of Milwaukee. "That's okay with me," Gibson allowed. Rickard immediately wired Billy Mitchell, Richie's brother-manager. The reply was fast and furious. "Fight Benny Leonard?" the wire questioned, adding in the same written breath: "It'll be a pleasure. But it must be for the championship." Both Rickard and Gibson assured Billy Mitchell the 135-pound title would be at stake.

The match was not clinched as easily as you might think. Oh, no. Rickard and Miss Morgan suffered plenty of headaches before the managers finally affixed their John Hancocks to the contracts.

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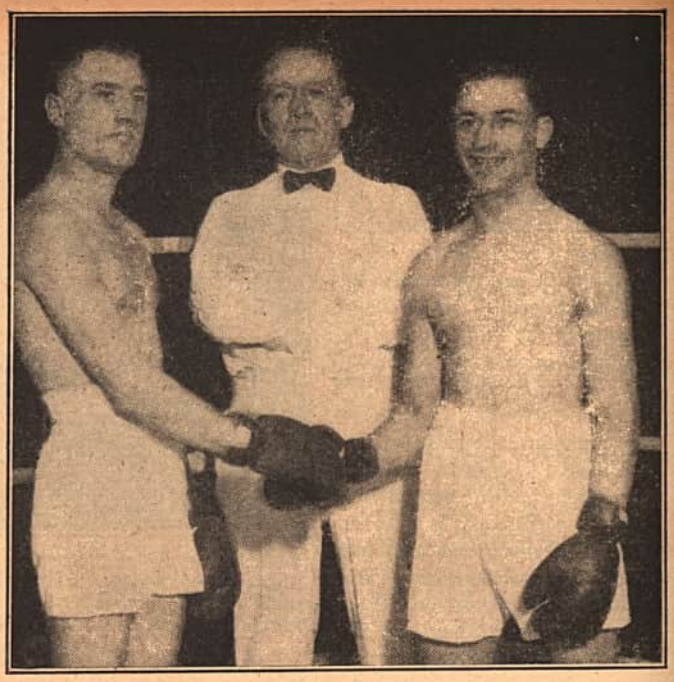
THE final arguments were voiced in the sumptuous parlor of the J. P. Morgan mansion on Madison Avenue and Thirty-seventh Street in New York City. A smart luncheon highlighted the proceedings.

The caviar and wine set the boys to arguing which reached its peak when Gibson and Mitchell in the language of Jacobs' Beach, fought tenaciously for their share of the "loot."

The discussion continued well into the afternoon. Cigarette and cigar butts flooded the Oriental rug. The room looked as if a cyclone had hit it.

Finally the boys came to terms. Miss Morgan lit a fresh cigarette, Rickard breathed a sigh of relief, and everything was hunky-dory.

Little did the visitors dream that if they had remained five minutes longer, the boss of the house would be in their gathering. In that short space of time Miss Morgan's brother, the late J. P. Morgan, walked in oblivious of what had transpired. Perhaps he never learned that one of the greatest boxing matches in pugilistic history was clinched or hatched right next to his bedroom.



Richie Mitchell and Benny Leonard (right) posing before the start of their famous battle for Ann Morgan's Devastated France Fund.

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THE night of the fight was one long to be remembered. The old amphitheatre bulged on all four sides with the mass of humanity. You couldn't get another person in with a shoehorn.

Among the spectators was the late Al Smith, then Governor of New York. Smith was not a fight fan, because, if you'll remember, they had a hard time of it getting him to sign the Walker Law. But the Happy Warrior accepted Miss Morgan's invitation and he sat in one of the boxes close to the ring. I was introduced to him and by way of making conversation, blurted:

"Governor, you're going to see a great fight and a great champion in Leonard."

He thanked me for the tip.

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LEONARD himself wagered $1,000 to $10,000 with the famous gambler, Arnold Rothstein, that he would flatten Mitchell in one round or less. In the contender's dressing room there wasn't a soul to be seen. Richie walked in, mumbled something to himself and then shed his clothes. He looked as if he was going to the electric chair.

The first bell sounded. Leonard rushed at Mitchell and in less time than it takes to tell it, he scored a knockdown. Two more came in rapid succession.

Benny begged Richie to come in and make a fight of it. Suddenly like a bolt out of the blue, Richie unloosed the right hand containing a ton of dynamite. It landed flush on Leonard's jaw and the impact floored Benny as if shot.

Luckily for Leonard, he landed on his back, the shock of which revived him at the count of seven. Had he been dropped on the resin floor face down, the count might still be going on.

Gibson swallowed a cud of tobacco and he was a sorry sight as he watched Benny slowly but surely get back on his pins. Oh, boy—what a spot! The great Leonard on the floor! Unbelievable! You said it!

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THE gods were with Leonard that eventful evening. He looked to be in bad shape going into the second and third rounds but clean living and good condition helped him back to his old self as the fourth began.

From then on it was a veritable slaughter with Mitchell on the receiving end. In the sixth heat Leonard finished the Milwaukee gamester.

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NEW FACES

By HARVEY BRIGHT

An Orange, New Jersey featherweight, Joey Gabriele, is giving Skeeter State fans something to root about.

JOEY GABRIELE

THE citizens of Orange, N. J., haven't had a local boy to cheer since Tony Galento put away his nightstick five years ago, but now a youngster has come upon the fistic scene who looks like he will go a long way up the boxing ladder. He is Joey Gabriele, who has run off twelve straight wins, stopping five of his opponents. Joey is five feet eight and a half inches tall, weighs 126, but will grow into a lightweight or a welterweight.

Joey turned pro after only three amateur bouts last October and has whipped some good boys for his short ring career, among whom are: Sal Amico, Tommy King twice, Paul Jones, and Billy Marto twice, while knocking out Billy Sheely, Willie Coleman, and Matty McLain. Three former amateur champs, Al Bowers, whom Joey came off the floor to stop, Mike Della, whom he K.O.'ed in one round and Charley McGarry, who was Golden Glove and State A.A.U. 135-pound champion. Joey, who is a combination boxer-puncher, is being taught the trade by a boy who was rated one of the cleverest ring men of all time, Allie Stolz, Newark's leading lightweight contender a few years back.

So keep your eye on Joey Gabriele, the clever kid with the punch, who has the determination and class to get to the top. Joey is being managed by Tony Marsillo and Allie Stolz.

Dom Saia, Hubite lightweight favorite.

DOM SAIA

BOSTON, once the mecca for promising young glove-tossers, has come up with another highly-regarded lightweight in the person of Dom Saia, who in recent months in the squared circle, has carved quite a niche for himself.

This fast-stepping Italian 130-pound hopeful, although only 18 years of age, has conquered 14 opponents in 15 contests since turning professional.

Prior to his entry into the punch-for-pay ranks, Dom won 36 out of 38 amateur engagements, including such titles as the New England Golden Gloves, 1947 version, Diamond Belt diadem and two inter-city crowns.

A stiff puncher, Saia rocked 25 of his simonpure foes to sleep with his lethal right-hand sock.

Among others, Saia's triumphs in the money ranks are registered over Jackie Harris, Vic Haler, Jose Colon Garcia, Joey Costa, Jackie Parker and Joey Nadeau. His only defeat came at the hands of Jimmy Sullivan, a local rival, at the Boston Garden in an eight-rounder, full of action.

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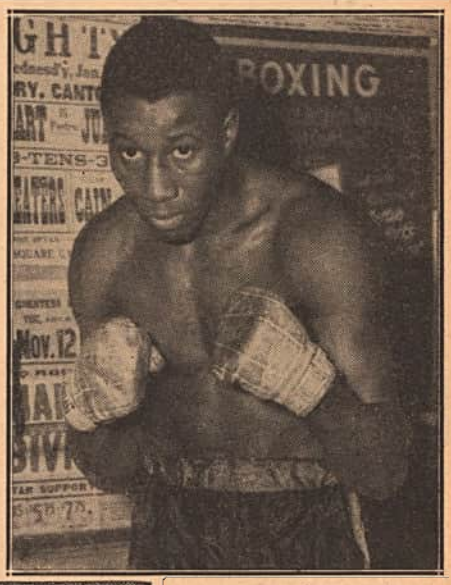

Sheriff Jackson, Columbus, Ohio, middleweight.

Wally Unsold, another Ohio fistic product who is causing a stir in the middleweight ranks.

A Trio of Californians

By
HARRY E. WINKLER

Leonard Morrow, California light-heavy, who shows great promise.

LEONARD MORROW

IMAGINE a youngster with only fifteen fights under his belt, disposing of the world's fourth-ranking 175-pounder in the first round! And the imagination doesn't have to be stretched much, either, for that is just what happened at the Oakland Auditorium when Leonard Morrow won the California state light-heavyweight title from Archie Moore.

To state that it was an upset is putting it mildly, but upsets have been Leonard Morrow's specialty. His win over the highly-touted Bert Lytell was almost as big a surprise. And Morrow was the despised shortender in his matches with Paulie Peters, George Evans and Gil Mojica, all of whom he K.O.'ed. Neither was the Oaklander favored to win over Al Spaulding, John Donnelly, Allen Arnett or John Harding, but Leonard added their names to his "Guys who I can lick" list.

Having defeated such an imposing array of warriors in his first eighteen months of boxing, causes one to wonder if there will be any man who can beat him within another eighteen months? Of course, Morrow hasn't necessarily pushed Archie Moore from his upward path, for, oftentimes one-round knockouts are not conclusive. And Bert Lytell also seeks a rematch, claiming his decision loss to Morrow was a questionable one.

There are also two other Californians, Billy Smith and Lloyd Marshall, who are worthy contenders for the state title, Moore, Lytell, Smith, Marshall! What names to be mentioned as opponents, aye, even victims, of a young fellow who has gone to bat only fifteen times.

Morrow was born in Oklahoma on Feb. 12, 1926. He is under the capable management of Bill Newman and Joe Herman, the San Francisco managers who have one of the largest stables on the Coast.

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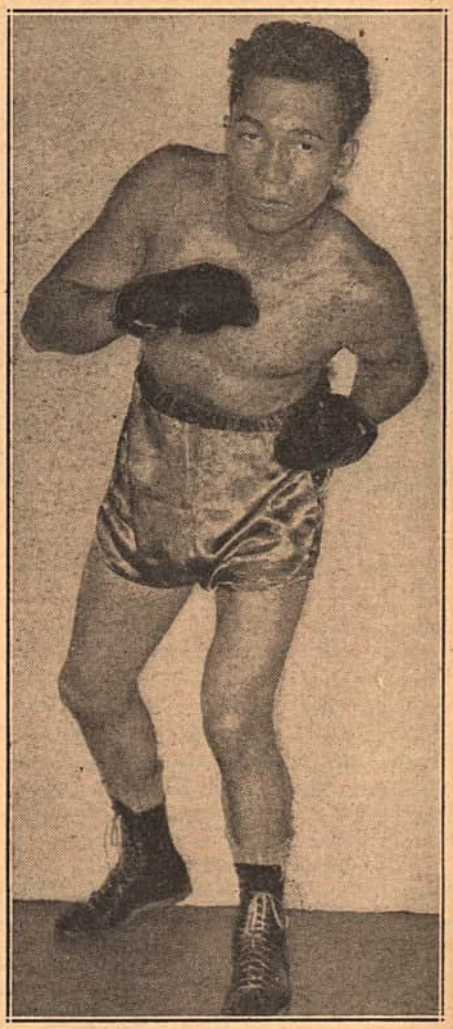
FELIX RAMIREZ

THE beautiful little city of San Jose has turned out more than its share of good boxers. The most famous of its pugilistic citizens was the great Aurelio Herrera. The best known in recent years were Jackie Jurich, George Latka and Cecil Hudson. However, there are a number of youngsters fighting out of the Garden City at this time, any one of whom might become as well known as the above-mentioned trio. One of the most promising of these is Felix Ramirez, a rugged Mexican lightweight.

Ramirez, a cocky youngster, is going to be hard to turn back, for, along with his self-assurance, he has a rugged physique, and is a smart boxer, as well as an aggressive, two-fisted scrapper. Felix started as an amateur in 1945 and within a year was regarded as one of the best in California. He lost but once in 35 starts, during which time he won two titles.

Ramirez engaged in his first professional fight on April 1, 1947, and in 25 pro bouts he has lost only to Jackie McCoy and Lauro Salas, two of California's better featherweights. Felix has beaten such good boys as Bucky Edwards, Felix Bueno, Charlie Johnson, Perk Glenn, Jerry Ramsey, Gilbert Martinez and Rocky Haro. His win over Haro at Hollywood was Ramirez's first start in the Southland, and Felix made a real hit with Movie City fans by the easy manner in which he shellacked rugged Rocky.

Ramirez was born at Santa Clara, California, March 31, 1929. He is the main support of a large family, his father being crippled and his eight brothers and sisters being younger children. So, all who know of the plucky Mexican youth's responsibilities, are pulling for him to get into the money. Felix is managed by Ted Walker, the man who has started and developed so many of the San Jose boxers.



Felix Ramirez, Mexican lightweight youngster hailing from San Jose.

Tommy Campbell, a coast lightweight.

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TOMMY CAMPBELL

THE reader will not find the name of Tommy Campbell among the ten rated lightweights, but it won't be long now! Many of you never heard of him, but I, for one, doubt that there are half-a-dozen 135-pounders who can whip him. True, he hasn't won over any of the highly-rated as yet, but the exceptional ability he has displayed in defeating those he has met, convinces onlookers that Campbell could beat many of the top-notchers.

Tommy first donned the gloves in 1939 and his amateur career is as impressive as his professional career promises to be. He won the National A.A.U. lightweight title in 1940, and garnered the National Golden Gloves championship in 1941. He lost but five times in 70 contests. Campbell entered the Army in 1942 and served nearly four years. Since his discharge he has engaged in 27 bouts, losing two of them.

His two professional losses were to Gene

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HAWAIIAN ACE

Welterweight Frank Fernandez, with a Brilliant Knockout Record, May Bring First World Title to the Islands

By TED YAMACHIKA

HONOLULU—To use a baseball expression, two strikes already have been called on Hawaiian bids for world ring championships during the last year. But the "big one" is coming up, and boxing fans of the Islands are positive that welterweight Frankie Fernandez will succeed where flyweight Dado Marino and bantamweight David Kui Kong Young failed.

With the one exception of Ray Robinson, Fernandez figures to be no worse than an even-money bet against any welterweight in the world. And even the great Robinson would be no sure-fire certainty to beat Frankie, particularly if Sugar Ray finds it so difficult to make the class limit these days, as reports would seem to indicate.

With all his speed, skill and sharpshooting, Robinson would need a full measure of strength and stamina to hold off the rugged, determined, vicious-punching assaults of Hawaii's latest fistic favorite. A Robinson, weakened by weight-making, would invite real trouble over the 15-round championship route with Fernandez.

Pound for pound, Fernandez is without doubt the greatest fighter ever produced in Hawaii.

In more than ten years of battling, amateur and professional, Fernandez has been defeated only once in a Honolulu ring—and that once was because of a technicality. It was during the spring of 1947 that he lost to Frankie Moore of California when a severe cut over his eye prompted the referee to stop the bout in the seventh round.

A few months ago Fernandez erased that one smear from his record. In a return bout with Moore, he annihilated the Californian, battering him into submission in three savage rounds, and sending him to the hospital for repairs.

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AS an amateur, Fernandez won the Territorial A.A.U. lightweight title the three years he competed for it—1937, 1939 and 1941. In 1939 he suffered his first and only setback in simon pure competition when he journeyed to the American mainland and dropped a decision to George Toy in the National A.A.U. finals in Boston.

Frankie turned professional during the summer of 1944, and quickly established himself as a popular favorite with Honolulu fans by running off a string of six straight knockouts.

At the time the Territorial welterweight title was held by Ray Powell, a service man, who had taken the laurels from Clever Henry. Early in 1945, Fernandez whipped Powell in a 10-rounder.

Powell, not satisfied with the result, demanded a return match, and was accommodated. Again Fernandez trounced him.

Frankie had two more bouts in 1945, and won both by knockouts. In the first he put an end to Clever Henry's career by flattening him and fracturing his jaw. In the other he stopped Llewellyn Strohlin.

Fernandez didn't don the gloves again until the summer of 1946, when he made a short trip to San Francisco, and remained long enough to punch out a 10-round decision over Bobby Yaeger. That has been Frankie's only professional bout outside Honolulu.

Shortly after his return home, Fernandez turned in a performance that stunned the boxing world, and attracted serious attention to him as a possible threat to Ray Robinson's laurels. He knocked out rugged Nick Moran, the Mexican, in seven rounds. It was the first kayo ever chalked up against Moran, who had fought such headliners as Ike Williams, Bob Montgomery and Tippy Larkin, and had topped a couple of Madison Square Garden cards.

Instead of "cashing in" immediately on that sensational performance, Frankie remained away from ring action for seven months, and it was not until March 25, 1947, that he returned to face Frankie Moore in the bout that was to result in his only professional defeat so far.

That setback didn't set at all well with Fernandez. A return match with Moore became an obsession with him. When his lacerated eyebrow healed, he buckled down to serious training that he hoped would lead to another meeting with the Californian.

Frankie Fernandez, Hawaiian welterweight.

Fernandez launched his campaign by knocking out Memo Llanes in one round. Larry Cisneros, the next to feel the power packed in Frankie's fists, was halted in four rounds. Then Joey Barnum was battered into defeat in eight. That wound up Fernandez's activities for 1947. He ushered in 1948 by pounding out a decisive triumph over Roman Alvarez. Though unable to stop the New Yorker in ten blistering rounds, Frankie did have the satisfaction of scoring three knockdowns and handing his opponent a thorough lacing.

Promoters meanwhile had been dickering for Moore to visit Honolulu again for that return match with Fernandez. The Californian accepted terms, and the bout was arranged for March 23—only two days short of one year since the first bout. And Fernandez more than squared accounts with his one-time conqueror by handing Moore one of the worst lacings ever absorbed by a topliner in a Honolulu ring.

After the Moore incident, Fernandez was paired with Bobby Yaeger, who had gone the 10-round route with him in San Francisco. This time Yaeger proved no match for hard-hitting Frankie, who belted him out of circulation in the seventh.

His triumph over Yaeger gave Fernandez a record of 14 knockouts in his 18 professional bouts, definitely establishing him as one of the most dangerous punchers in the welterweight ranks.

Fernandez could not truthfully be called "fast." He is not a flashy speed merchant like Robinson or Bernie Docusen. But once he stuns an opponent, there certainly is nothing slow about him. He is a deadly finisher when he gets a rival going. The best feature of Frankie's vicious clouting is that he socks equally hard with either fist.

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From the East and Mid-West

By NAT LOUBET

AFTER spending 3 years in the Armed Forces, Ken Stribling, D.C. middleweight, has returned to the ring wars to brighten Washington's fistic horizon.

Ken spent two years in the European theatre and while there he met and defeated the veteran Vic Buttane, 160 pound Frenchman. Stribling was scheduled to meet Marcel Cerdan in Paris, but was ordered home and the bout was canceled.

Since his return to civilian life he has returned to school and is majoring in accountancy. He has had 21 bouts, defeating Billy Slater, Johnny Walker, Irish Billy Cooper, Frank Lacey, Frank Sweeney, Joe Gannon and the highly regarded Lee Datts. He has suffered five losses and kayoed six opponents.

Washington, D. C., middleweight Ken Stribling.

Stribling is married and the father of a year old boy. He has six brothers, all football players, and perhaps he should have taken up football, as his manager says he has encountered much difficulty in securing out of town bouts.

He is a good puncher, is always well conditioned and is managed by Billy Banks, once a popular lightweight in D.C., but now retired. Billy says Stribling is willing to meet any legitimate middleweight at any time. Ken took a chance and lost when he met dynamite-fisted Jake LaMotta. Jake had too much for Stribling and it was all over in five rounds. However, there haven't been many who could take the body punishment that LaMotta dishes out.

Ken thinks he has learned enough to beat LaMotta the next time they meet. QUIEN SABE?

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WALTER CARTIER

YOUNG Walter Cartier, blue-eyed Irish American middleweight, recently catapulted himself into the front line of his division with a sensational knockout of Pete Mead. An all-round athlete, he and his twin brother, Vincent, teamed up together in the Connecticut Industrial Baseball League. Walter took turns as both a pitcher and catcher. Since turning pro, however, he has taken to pitching only. It is his opponents who are doing the catching as the square-jawed, determined looking lad, who has a facial resemblance to Billy Conn, sets up a two-fisted attack, which, combined with his superb counter punching and shifty boxing, plays havoc with his adversaries.

Managed by the veteran Bobby Gleason, Cartier came out of the Navy in 1946 to join the pro ranks. He received his preliminary schooling fighting in the Navy alongside his brother Vincent. Vincent, a fair fighter himself, trains Walter and goes to law school after each day's workout. Vincent graduates this year. Young Walter went to Fordham University for a year, majoring in law and hopes to continue his studies. The game is in the boy's blood as his father was a pro boxer after the first World War but the family stepped in and put a stop to it. However, there is no interference on the part of Walter's family now. His father is his only parent alive, and hopes that young Walter will carry on to the top rung of the game.

Born in the Bronx, New York, Walter carries a knockout potion in either hand, carries an upright stance into the ring and, though a quiet looking lad, has the killer instinct that is the mark of great fighters.

Though stopped twice early in his career, he has come along strongly of late and has built himself a large following in the neighborhood clubs of New York. When he knocked out Billy Kilroy all eyes were opened and he was pitted against the rugged veteran Pete Mead. Mead couldn't meet the sharp counter punching of Walter, by the fifth round it was evident that Cartier had his number and Mead was stopped for the first time in his career.

A veteran at 23, Walter has a promising future ahead of him.

The boys in the know along Jacobs' Beach pick Cartier as a comer.

Johnny Loccisano, Elwood City, Pa., has a stable of young promising fighters: Bill Pozza, Pittsburgh heavyweight; Frankie "KO" Moran, New Castle, southpaw welterweight; and Chuck Gibbons, Elwood City welterweight. Young Moran has had 20 fights, won 17, lost two and drew in one. After losing his first fight to Eddie Bell early in 1947, he ran up a string of 19 straight wins, mostly by knockouts, until the veteran Jacob Besselman stopped him in Pittsburgh. He expects to start another string shortly.

KEITH NUTTALL

A PROTEGE of Henry Armstrong, a nineteen year old youngster christened Keith Jesse Nuttall, started his beak bashing in 1941 while a high school student at Brigham City, Utah, and through the next five years he campaigned as a simon pure facing 80 opponents and defeating 77. He won 55 of these fights via the knockout route.

In 1946 he captured the flyweight championship in the Chicago Golden Gloves Tournament. It was in this tourney that he broke the existing record for quick kayoes in the amateurs by stopping Melton Dockins in 50 seconds of the first round.

Nuttall began fighting as a professional in 1947 at Salt Lake City with an eight round win over Joe Tambe. In his second professional outing Keith was held to a draw by Buddy Washington but in his last affair to date he established his superiority over Buddy by defeating him via the ten round route. Every fighter seems to have his jinx and Nuttall has his in the person of Louis Williams who of 24 opponents is the only man to take the measure of Nuttall. Williams has accomplished that feat on two occasions—he apparently has a style that spells woe for Keith.

Among those that Nuttall has taken into camp are Howard Jackson, Eddie Marotta, Bobby Molina, Frankie Montoya, Ernie Hunick, George Palio, Gene Spencer, Nick Goray and Val Valentine.

Harry Armstrong, hammering Henry's brother, trains the youngster who is campaigning in the lightweight ranks.

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PAT MURPHY

LOOMING as a good bet to win the Wisconsin state featherweight title in the not too distant future is Pat Murphy, 22, a clean-cut, stream-lined Irish scrapper from Racine.

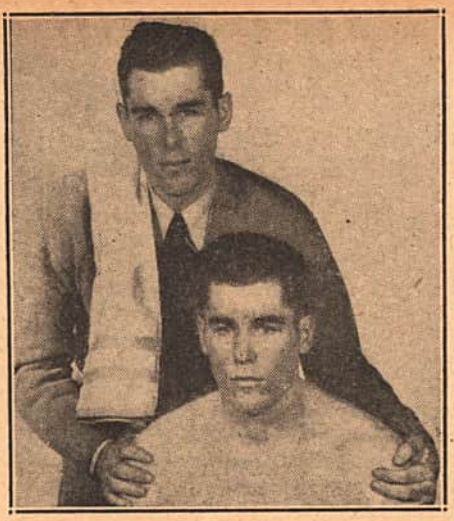
In 23 bouts since turning pro a year ago, Murphy's record shows 16 wins, three draws and four defeats. He has appeared against such opponents as Luther Rawlings, Eddie Moratta, Corky Gonzales and Cappy Benton.

Rated as a clever boxer, shifty, and fast, Murphy can also handle himself as a slugger. He carries a hard wallop in both hands, and has decked several foes for knockout wins with a dynamic right hand punch. His attack is bolstered with a neat left jab for setting up the "kill."

"Murphy is one of those pleasing kids easy for the fans and promoters to like," says his manager, Marshall Simonsen, the Badger State's youngest pilot and fight trainer at 28.

His most recent victories were: Jess Ripple, KO 1; Stafford Williams, KO 5; Vic Creelman, W 6; and Marion Rhoten, W 6.

Not a world beater but a good club fighter who can spell trouble for anyone he is pitted against.



Twins, Walter and Vincent (Top) Cartier. Walter does the fighting and brother Vincent trains the Bronx, New York, middleweight who recently gained recognition by his kayo over Pete Mead.

Pat Murphy, Racine, Wisconsin, featherweight.

Keith Nuttall, Brigham City, Utah, lightweight, who is a protege of Henry Armstrong, former triple crown holder.

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WYLIE (WILEY) BURNS

THE light-heavyweight picture is focused on Gus Lesnevich and Ezzard Charles with the remainder of the field of rated men lacking in the color and the spectacular that makes for big gates. The up and coming crop are being combed for the boys who can add interest to the division.

Wylie (Wiley) Burns, Harrisburg, Pa., light-heavyweight.

Harrisburg, Pa., gives us a 21 year old Negro lad who has all the earmarks of making the grade. His name is Wylie Burns and he sometimes fights under the sobriquet of Al Brady. Wylie started his career while serving in the Army at Nice, France, during the last war. He spent four years in the Army picking up the manly art and then in 1946 he was discharged and immediately entered the bistros of swat for folding money.

He has lost three fights to date. Holman Williams, Billy Thompson and Henry Hall turned the trick. He also holds two draws with Thompson over the eight round route.

On the other side of the ledger Burns notched 17 wins, 10 by knockouts, and has been held to three draws.

The Harrisburg socker stands 5 feet 10½ inches tall and toes the scales at 163. He is managed by Pete Lorenzo.

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EDGAR KO PERRAULT

EDGAR KO PERRAULT, 130-pounder from Berlin, N. H., is known as the "KO Kid from the East Side." Young Perrault, of French-Canadian ancestry, is quite popular throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, having fought most of his 35 fights in those states. Twenty-seven of Edgar's 35 battles ended by K.O.'s and he fought four draws and won two via the decision route, having two losses registered against him.

Hitting *the* Spotlight

By HARVEY THORNE

Cliff Hart

CLIFF HART

CLIFF HART, Syracuse's twenty-three year old "Blond Bomber," has been fighting as a pro since early 1946. Cliff went into the pay ranks after winning the National Golden Glove welterweight title at Madison Square Garden, March 25, 1946, by defeating Julius Menendez. He also took the Eastern A.A.U. welterweight title.

A Navy veteran, he saw action in the South Pacific. Hart has been tackling tough opposition. With only 24 pro starts he already has the scalps of such trial-horses as Cleve Bailey, Tommy Mollis, Vic Belanger, George Teague and others. Stopped in his first pro tilt, he went on to run up a string of victories, most of them via the kayo route. Halted again by Billy Garrett he went on to run up another string of wins and topped it off by winning a ten-round return go from Garrett.

Matched with Pete Mead in Wilkes-Barre in his first start this year, Hart did not have the experience to trade punches with the veteran and was stopped in four rounds. But he jumped right back with a neat five-round knockout over Maurice Lavigne and then fought a slashing ten-round draw with Mickey Savage who holds a decision over the ill-fated Jackie Darthard.

A colorful boxer, and stinging puncher with either hand, Cliff is managed by his brother, Raymond. Hart has a lot to learn but has the necessary attributes of a winning fighter.

MAURICE LACHAPELLE

A CANADIAN in the New England loop, Maurice LaChapelle, a good featherweight, who has been bowling them over in Canadian and New England ringfare with a consistency that has caused his large popularity among the fight fans, has been defeated but three times in twenty-three fights engaged in.

Maurice has been a professional for less than two years but it is this annum that he really found himself. The lad can take it and one look at his kayo record is sufficient to determine that his mitts are leaded

Maurice LaChapelle

with double trouble for his opponents. This year LaChapelle has had five bouts, won them all, four via the knockout road.

If he keeps it up he'll be heard from . . . soon.

JOHNNY ALLEN ALIAS JOHNNY TUCK

IN an age of ring veterans Johnny Allen formerly of Chicago has returned to the ring to try his hand with the other old-timers who are raking in the moola.

Allen, a heavyweight, has made a successful start on the comeback trail by winning a decisive eight-round decision from the Spanish importation Fidel Arciniega. The Negro heavy now fighting out of

Johnny Allen alias Johnny Tuck

Paterson, New Jersey, showed a good left and the urge to mix it, which makes for crowd pleasing action.

Johnny is a member of the select "Two out of Three" club . . . one of the trio including Elmer Ray and Joey Maxim, who have faced Jersey Joe Walcott on three occasions with each of the trio copping one duke and losing two affairs to Walcott.

A little too much avoirdupois around the middle and in need of a lotta work to sharpen up his ring rust, but as these two deficiencies are rounded into shape the transplanted Chicagoan may be another vet to be heard from in the fistic parade of "age before youth."

Benjamin Potts is managing Allen.

EDDIE MAROTTA

OUT Cleveland way they are singing the praises of young Eddie Marotta and with good reason. Having garnered a string of amateur championships in the Golden Gloves, Marotta decided to join the pro ranks and was a hit from the start. In his first two starts he beat Vic Jade and Pat Murphy. Then he was tossed in with one of the better men of the division, Keith

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Eddie Marotta

The knockdown of Bernard Docusen in the eleventh round of their world welterweight championship fight at Chicago. The New Orleans Filipino took a count of nine and thereafter Robinson had no difficulty piling up the points to win the unanimous decision of the oft postponed fight.

Robinson Is Brilliant; Still Tops

By GENE ENGEL

CHICAGO—In the wake of Ray Robinson's brilliant defense of his world welterweight title against flashy Bernie Docusen, there is more than a faint suspicion that Sugar Ray may have made his last appearance in the ring as ruler of the world's 147-pound roost. Increasing difficulty in making the class limit and a dearth of formidable rivals, are likely to combine in prompting Robinson's decision to move into the heavier middleweight class and campaign for a crack at Champion Tony Zale's laurels.

Neither Robinson himself, nor his manager George Gainsford, is prepared as yet to announce Ray's voluntary abdication of the welterweight throne. After all, one doesn't give up so precious a possession as a world championship unless he has something equally valuable to replace it. So, for a while at least, Robinson will continue to bask in the glory of being the world's best welterweight, even though he may not be called upon to defend the title again until the expiration of his six-months' period of grace, which runs until late December. By that time, if not before, something definite may materialize in Sugar Ray's hopes for a crack at the middleweight championship.

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THERE is no denying the ordeal to which Robinson subjected himself in making the welterweight limit for Docusen at Comiskey Park. The bout was twice postponed because of miserable weather, and the weight problem proved a real headache to Ray. For the original date, he came in exactly at 147 pounds. When rain washed out the show, and it was moved back four days, Robinson refused to weigh in again.

Fortunately, complications were avoided when continued bad weather caused another postponement, this time for a week. Robinson agree to make 147 for *(Continued on page 33)*

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

IT was very heartwarming to see rough and ready Gino Garibaldi make his reappearance in a New York ring after an extended stay on the West Coast. On the same program with Gino, New Yorkers got their first look at his young son, Leo. Papa was featured in the main event and Sonny was one of the principals in the opening contest.

Leo met one of the tough veterans of the mat and it looked as though he was in for a hard night. Gino took a seat at the ringside, dressed in his trunks and robe, and glued his eyes on his boy. We were more interested in the actions of the father than his son who was in the ring.

Gino appeared extremely nervous. He was on edge. On several occasions he was about to jump into the ring to protect Leo from the strong arm smashes of his opponent. However, all turned out well for the Garibaldi clan when Leo pinned his man with a back body drop, and Gino came back about fifty minutes later to pin the shoulders of Abe Stein.

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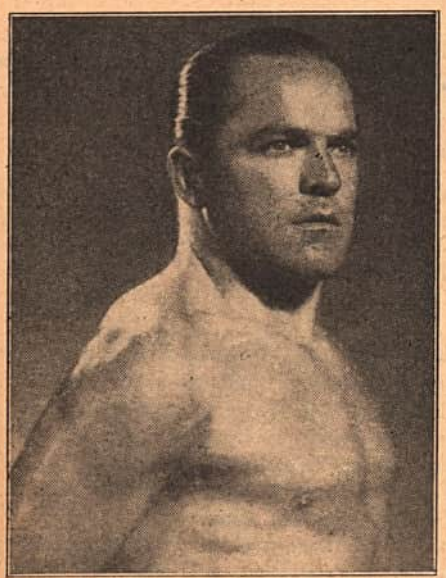
IN a recent interview, Frank Sexton gave out with some interesting notations on his amazing career. The cleverest wrestler he ever met, he said, was the old master, John Pesek. Sexton quotes from experience as he has appeared in over 1300 matches since 1932.

"Pesek knew every phase about wrestling and his skin was as loose as that of a child, making it very difficult to get a firm grip on him.

"As for sheer strength, Steve Casey, and the old Colorado onion farmer, Everett Marshall, were tops," said Frank. "Casey had a pair of hands like a couple of hams and you felt it even when shaking hands with him."

Sexton supplied us with a wrestler's view of the roughest place in the country in which to wrestle. He selected Texas as the locality where a matman is most likely to end up in a hospital. Fans in the Lone Star State take their grappling seriously and really place themselves in the spirit of things.



Joe Sulon, a European star, who is anxious to compete in America.

Frank also had a word to say about the Pennsylvania coal miners, who have no sense of humor so far as the mat game is concerned.

Sexton is a straight wrestler. He doesn't take the part of the villain or the laugh getter. He's in there to win with legitimate wrestling methods.

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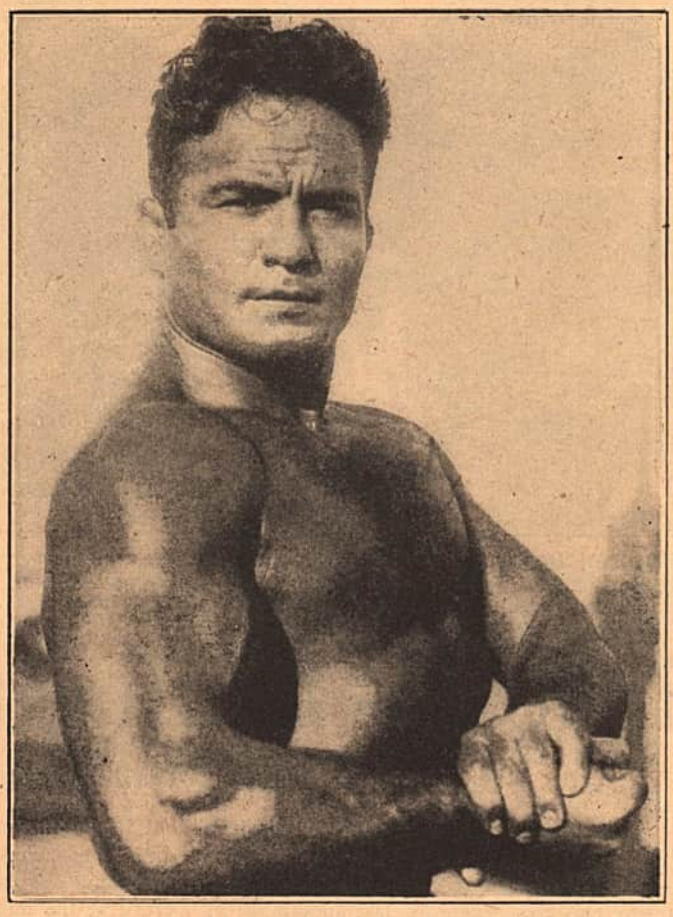
BELGIUM is turning out some fine grapplers. The leading promoter in that country, Mac Possy, informs us Joe Sulon and Bob Martin are a couple of prospects to watch. Both these men have shown their wares throughout Europe and are in great demand for tours throughout the Old Country.

Bob Martin, powerful Belgian wrestler with all-round ability.



Jim Londos who starred as a weight lifter and strong man before gaining fame and fortune as a wrestler.

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Arthur Kapetanople is a newcomer to the mat who looms as a fine prospect. Art is a physical culture devotee and has won many titles along those lines. He is a gifted performer with unusual strength.

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New York mat fans are getting a look at tag team matches on their television receivers. Team matches are barred in the Empire State and local fans never even knew such things existed until viewing the matches from Washington, D.C.

We have been informed that the State Athletic Commission is being swamped with letters requesting that promoters be granted permission to present this type of exhibition in New York. What the verdict of the Commission will be, is certain. "NO." New York has never allowed team matches or women wrestlers to appear and it is highly doubtful that the Commission will sanction them now.

The question most asked of this department is, "Are weight lifting exercises necessary if one is to become a successful wrestler"? The answer is definitely no, but we must admit that

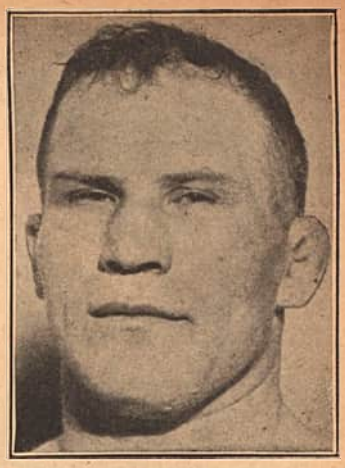
Frank Sexton, who believes that John Pesek was the best wrestler he ever met. Sexton met them all and should know.

the world's greatest wrestlers, especially in past years, have come from the ranks of the weight lifters.

If you were to trace the backgrounds of the leading wrestlers you would find that the majority of them were weight lifters or football players. Football tends to develop agility and speed in a man, while the weights tend to develop muscles of steel. Among some of the famed grapplers of the past who excelled as strong men were, George Hackenschmidt, Dick Shikat, Jim Londos, Carl Pojello, Hans Steinke, Stanislaus Zbyszko and Henry Steinborn.

As readers of these pages know, George Hackenschmidt has been rated by many as the greatest wrestler of all time. Hack had one of the most perfectly developed bodies of any athlete that ever lived, and he was a firm believer in the practice of weight lifting.

Another wrestler who first gained fame as a weight lifter was the great Russian matman George Lurich. This wonderful athlete established weight-lifting records that still stand today. He lifted 266 pounds overhead with one hand and accomplished many other feats which have never been equalled. George died in 1917 a victim of the typhus epidemic that swept his native land.

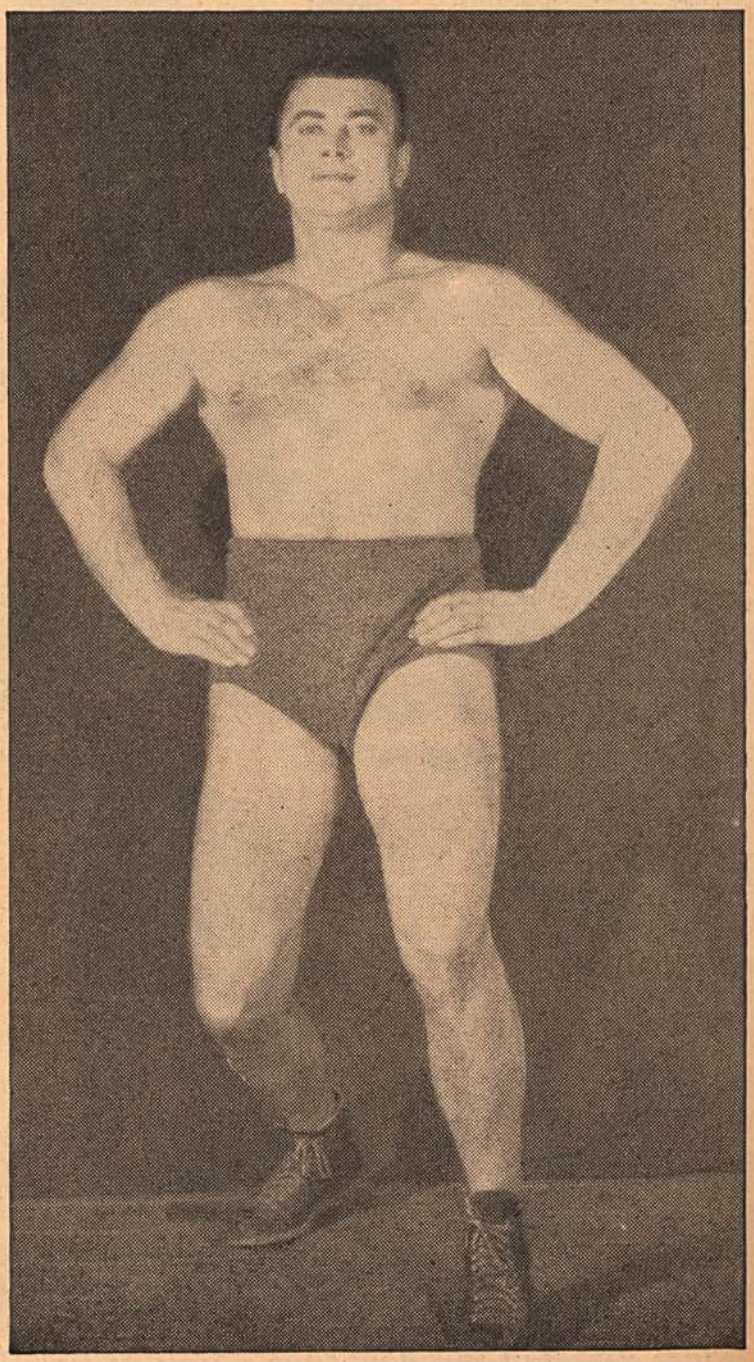


Hans Steinke was one of the strongest of all wrestlers.

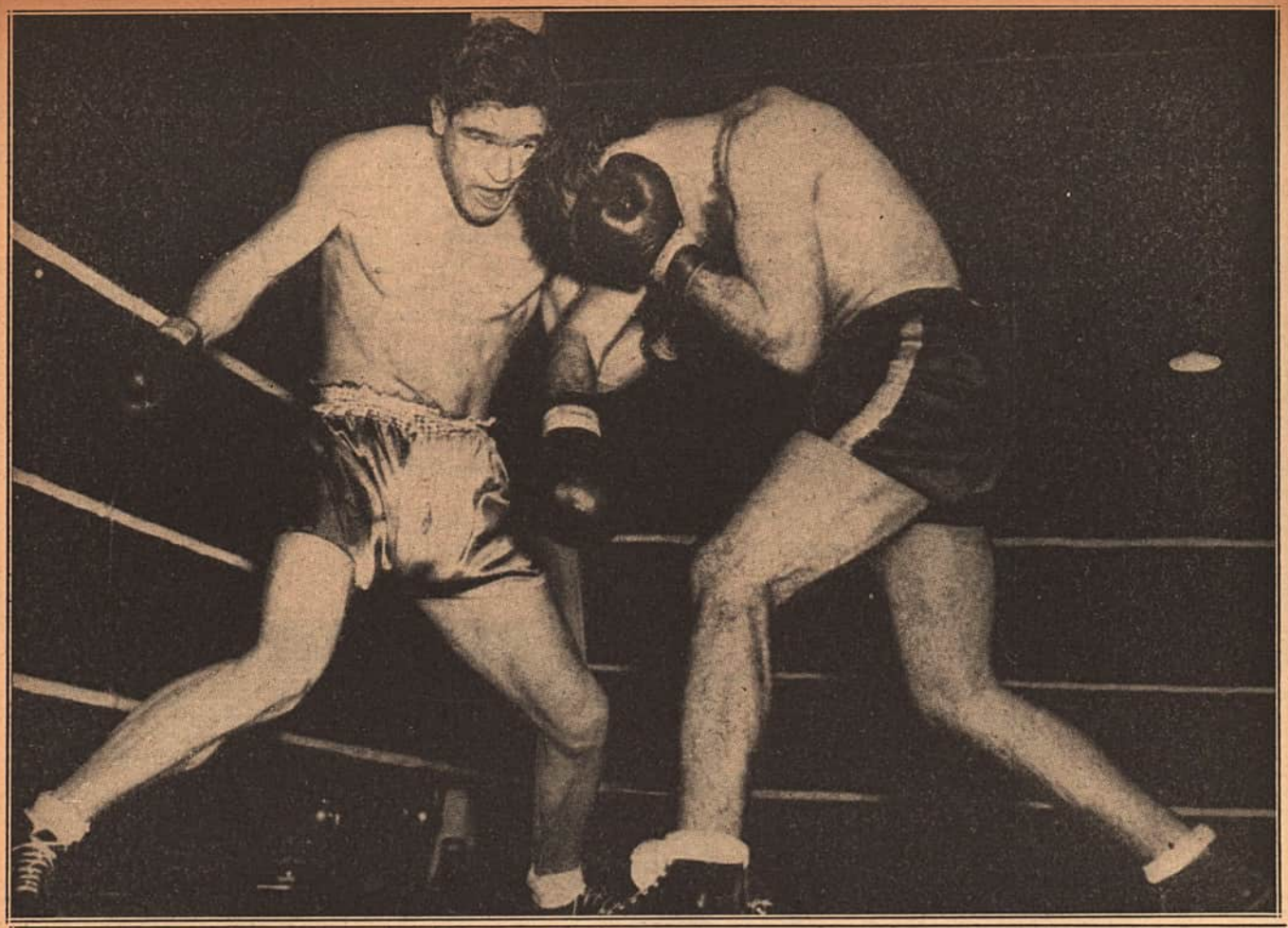
When we speak of strong men of the mat you must place Stanislaus Zbyszko near the top of the heap. Stan had a twenty-two inch bicep and was the possessor of superhuman strength and endurance. Zbyszko holds one record that probably will stand for all time, and that is thirty-three years of active competition.

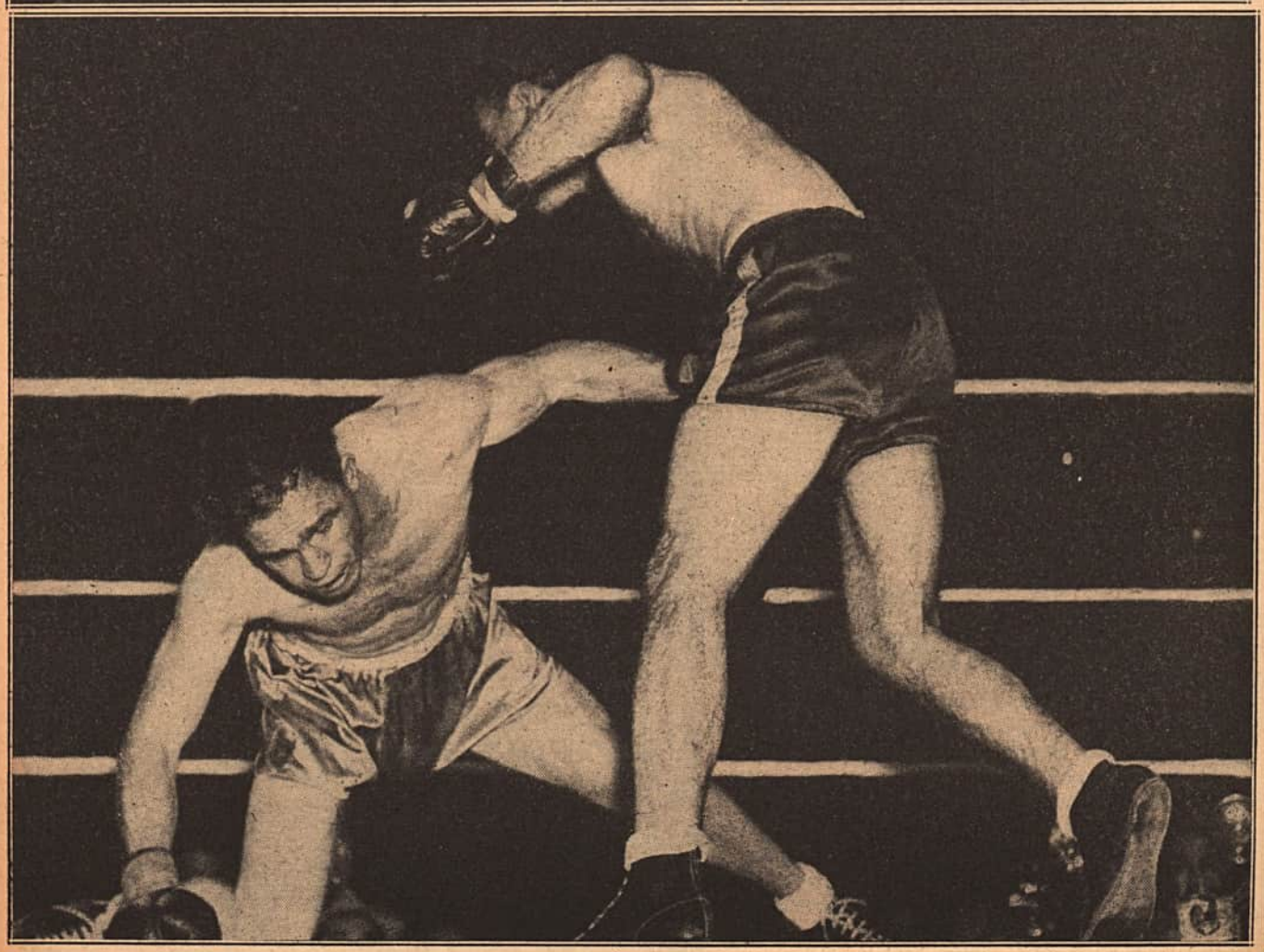
In opposition to these weight lifting men, another school of experts argue that the weights tighten a man's muscles and make him slow. They also bring up the point that after a man spends much time on lifting, he is always open to the danger of contracting a painful charley-horse.

In our opinion the best sport to develop a wrestler is football. The training a man gets in that rough pastime seems a natural for future activity on the mat. Football requires speed *(Continued on page 33)*



Arthur Kapetanople, a youngster who rates a chance.





The return engagement between Marcel Cerdan of France and Cyrille Delannoit of Belgium at Brussels in which Cerdan regained the European middleweight title and earned a shot at Tony Zale's world crown. Top—Delannoit tears in to toss heavy blows to Cerdan's body. Delannoit takes a short count as he is dropped in a brawl in which he made a good fight of it.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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$25,000 and all expenses by the Territorial Boxing Commission acting on behalf of its local promoters.

One of the best referees in America, Captain Jack Kennedy, passed away in his California home. The retired Navy officer, who officiated in bouts on the Pacific Coast for many years, was as much a part of the sport as was any of boxing's leading figures. He was a square shooter, a colorful ring figure and a strict disciplinarian. There was no stalling with him in harness as third man in the roped square. One warning was sufficient.

The boxing world, especially California, owes a lot to Jack Kennedy, and his loss will be keenly felt.

A New York referee, Jack Appel, pulled one for the book when he called the fight between Lee Oma and Ted Lowry at the Fort Hamilton Club a draw. At the end of the tenth round Appel's card showed Lowry winning by a margin of five rounds to four and one even and instead of giving him the fight as the rules call for, the referee called it a draw because he had given seven points to each man.

Under the New York rules the points do not count if a decision is reached via the rounds system, yet Lowry was deprived of a victory because the referee gave the fight to Oma. Judge Schector gave it to Lowry and Appel handed Lowry a kayo blow by taking the fight from him when according to Jack's card, Ted had gained the decision and therefore had won the fight.

What will you have, points or rounds?

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MANUEL ORTIZ, who is an active champion, though as the National Boxing Association so aptly pointed out in its recent release, he refuses to fight in the East or Mid-West, added Memo Valero of Mexico, to his long list of victims. In a bout listed as a world championship affair, Ortiz disposed of Memo in the eighth round of their bout at Mexicali, Mexico.

Ortiz would help his division considerably if he were to take a flyer eastward and mingle with some of the top men in the division in this neck of the woods or clash with the European or British titleholder. He has picked too many softies in his recent bouts.

Tommy Houck, well known in New York circles as one of the toughest of the feathers and lightweights during the time that Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee, K.O. Chaney and Willie Jackson were in their prime, died recently in California. Tommy, who was fifty-seven years old, had a fine record. He mingled with every top man in the feather and lightweight divisions and gave a good account of himself in each of his contests.

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and quick thinking in addition to a tough constitution. Wrestling demands the same speed, thought, and ability to take a good going over.

Some of the matmen who made good as wrestlers after careers on the gridiron, have attained the same success as the weight lifters. Joe Savoldi, Gus Sonnenberg, Jim McMillan, and Bronko Nagurski, are a few.

That's the story, weight lifters vs. football players, take your choice.

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A NEW wrestling club has opened in Keansburg, New Jersey, under the direction of the well known fight character Mushky Jackson. The shows are being put together by the Rudy Dusek organization, and New Jersey fans in that locality are in for many exciting nights.

The former heavyweight champion of the world, the late Jim Browning, gained fame and fortune as a wrestler and as the master of the spectacular hold the "Flying Body Scissors" . . . We have always wondered why some wrestler has not attempted to perfect that hold and cash in on it. To our knowledge a few men have tried to use the flying scissors, but found the amount of power it requires, was beyond their capabilities.

Robinson Is Tops

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the new date, but was compelled to go on practically a starvation diet the last two days to make 146½ for the afternoon weigh-in.

Once the opening bell sounded, however, Robinson moved out with all his old-time assurance, and it was unfortunate that intermittent showers during the afternoon and threatening overcast skies in the evening kept the attendance down to a disappointing 8,883. The gross receipts were $45,640.24. The fight, a blistering brawl all the way, deserved a much better break. It was the fastest and most exciting battle seen in a Chicago ring since the Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale battle in the Stadium a year before.

Docusen proved a foeman worthy of Robinson's keenest steel, and justified his rating by THE RING as Ray's outstanding challenger. The flashy New Orleans Filipino was not daunted in the least by Robinson's reputation. Nor did he seem to be bothered by the fact that he was fighting over the 15-round route for the first time in his youthful career.

For ten rounds Docusen fought Robinson on fairly even terms, and there was little to choose between the two rivals as they entered the final stretch. Because of Ray's difficulty in making weight, it was felt that the long route would favor the young challenger.

Robinson undeniably was tiring—but, as it so developed, Docusen was wilting even more from the terrific pace.

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ROBINSON pulled his waning forces together at the start of the eleventh to turn loose a blistering assault that swept Docusen into the ropes. Though dazed by Ray's two-fisted attack, Bernie managed to wriggle off the ropes and out to mid-ring. But Ray gave him no time to recover. Moving in fast, the champion whipped across a vicious left hook that caught Docusen flush on the chin and toppled him heavily to the canvas.

Bernie staggered up at the count of nine, and Robinson tore into him with another volley. But Ray apparently had fought himself out in his previous flurry, and he lacked the power to finish his reeling opponent.

For the remainder of the bout, Robinson held the upper hand. Tired and leg-weary though he was, he still held enough in reserve to remain the boss. He gave a good performance and again demonstrated why, weight-for-weight, experts say he is the best fighter in the world.

Docusen continued to fight back gamely, and in the fourteenth his left jabs opened a gash under Robinson's right eye. But Bernie's punches had lost their snap, and he was weakening fast.

In the final round, Docusen was on the verge of exhaustion, but Ray couldn't bring down his courageous rival. There was no doubt of Robinson's victory. The decision was unanimous with the referee and two judges. He had well earned it.

It was a fight that will be long remembered by those fortunate enough to witness it—a great battle between a great champion and a great challenger.

Cerdan Regains Title; Matched with Zale

Special cable to THE RING

BRUSSELS, Belgium—Probably no victory in his entire career was more welcomed by Marcel Cerdan, veteran French-Moroccan middleweight, than the one he scored over Cyrille Delannoit of Belgium in their return 15-round battle for the European 160-pound championship.

The triumph not only enabled Cerdan to wipe out the only decision he had previously lost in more than 110 ring battles, but it also resulted in his being given the coveted crack at Tony Zale and the world title.

Andy Neidereitter, matchmaker of the Tournament of Champions, Inc., of New York, had flown across to Brussels to attend the Cerdan-Delannoit battle, and to offer the winner the opportunity to meet Zale.

It is Neidereitter's intention to promote the match in September, but, at this writing, he is undecided on the site. The Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds would be preferred, but since both New York baseball parks are committed to the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, they may not be available. The next bet would appear to be Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

The return Cerdan-Delannoit bout was a gruelling affair all the way, and the verdict was unanimous with the three officials. But the majority of the 15,000 fans who crowded into the Palais des Sports were Belgians, their sympathies naturally with Delannoit, and they didn't like the decision. Cerdan, however, appeared to have won clearly enough. He was the aggressor for the most part, and was practically unmarked at the finish, whereas Delannoit's right eye was nearly shut in the closing round, and he was dropped twice during the bout. Several times the Belgian stood toe to toe with Cerdan in vicious exchanges, and often held his own with the French-Moroccan. But Cerdan's greater experience proved the deciding factor.

Louis and Tunney

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outpointed K.O. Christner in Madison Square Garden. Then he went to Miami Beach and outpointed Young Stribling. He followed these two triumphs by knocking out Tommy Loughran, the light-heavyweight champion, and Phil Scott, champion of his British Majesty's Empire, each in three rounds.

Risko was eliminated by Max Schmeling, who didn't figure in the original lineup. The German exploded his right hand on Johnny's chin in the ninth round of their fight in the Garden and for once the famous rubberman failed to bounce.

Schmeling followed the Risko victory by outpunching Paulino in a rough, hard-fought 15 round battle. Heeney never beat anybody of importance after losing to Tunney, and Hansen was knocked out by Christner in eight rounds.

Rickard died while promoting the Sharkey-Stribling fight in 1929, and the tournament he started was concluded by William F. Carey, who succeeded Tex as president of the Garden Corporation. The final between Schmeling and Sharkey took place in the Yankee Stadium July 12, 1930, two years after Tunney had fought his last fight.

The Schmeling-Sharkey fight is singular in boxing history as it marks the only time the world heavyweight championship has been won on a foul. Schmeling was crowned as he sat on the canvas in the fourth round after being floored by a low left hook.

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THE current situation is similar to that which existed when James J. Jeffries retired as champion in 1904. The Big Fellow was the first to give up the title after running out of opposition. Unfortunately for his place in boxing history, Jeff was persuaded to come back in 1910 to "redeem the prestige of the white race." He proved the original "hollow shell" in the skillful hands of clever Jack Johnson, the first Negro to win the world heavyweight championship.

In his autobiography, "Two Fisted Jeff," the former champion explains that he retired only after he discovered that there was no man in the world ready to give him a fight. He found himself in a situation not unlike the one which confronted Louis as he left the field open to anybody who thinks he can win the ring's most valuable title.

Jeffries had settled down on his ranch in Burbank, Calif., when he was approached by his old friend, Lou Houseman, who managed Jack Root. Houseman suggested that the retired champion referee a bout between Root and Marvin Hart and proclaim the winner his successor.

"I have no right to pass along the title that way," Jeffries told Houseman. "The only way anybody should become champion is by fighting and beating the champion."

Urged by the promoters, Jeffries decided:—

"I shall never go back into the ring. If the winner wants to call himself champion, it is all right with me."

Hart defeated Root in 20 rounds at Reno, Nev., July 3, 1905, and was proclaimed champion, although the public, which is always the final judge, thought little of his claim. All that Hart really won was the first of a series of eliminations, and on Feb. 23, 1906, he lost whatever claim he had to the crown, when Jeffries, as the referee, proclaimed Tommy Burns, the Canadian, the winner after 20 rounds of fighting in Los Angeles on Feb. 23, 1906.

Burns set about proving he was the best heavyweight in the world. He beat Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in 20 rounds, and knocked out Bill Squires in a round. Gunner Moir was stopped in 10 and Jack Palmer was kayoed in four. Jem Roche lasted one and Jewey Smith five. Bill Squires was knocked out a second time in Paris and a third time in Sydney, Australia.

When Burns fought Jack Johnson in Sydney he was universally recognized as champion, and as such his name appears on the Tunney-Muldoon Trophy. Johnson became champion when he stopped Burns in 14 rounds, and not when he later kayoed Jeffries in 15 rounds. Jeffries was only the challenger when he made his futile and fatal comeback against Johnson at Reno, Nevada, July 4, 1910.

Jeffries was 29 years old when he retired and 35 when he tried to come back. Tunney was 30 when he gave up the crown. Joe Louis has stepped down at 34. As Tunney before him, Louis will not fight again.

The 42,677 fans who saw him knockout Jersey Joe Walcott were watching a great champion pass, not in defeat, but in victory.

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Times Have Changed

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than they are today way back when Peter Jackson, the great Australian, was around trying to get a match with fabled John L. Sullivan, then monarch of the world's heavyweights. Australians will argue to this day that old "John L." was never really a world's champion because he never met the British Empire champion, Frank Slavin, who was in turn defeated by Jackson on May 30, 1892.

"John L." took refuge behind the "color line," possible then, but completely out of order today. Jackson seems to have been very popular in this country during his lengthy stay here but he had to settle for that since the opportunity to fight for the world's title was denied him.

In much more recent times, Harry Wills forced a somewhat similar situation although not completely identical. Whereas old "John L.'s" decision on Jackson seems to have been a personal one, the state of affairs at the time proved the great obstacle to a match between the then champion Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills. Racial incidents of an incendiary nature had been touched off throughout the country by the Johnson-Jeffries fight held in Reno in 1910. Fuel had been added to the flames of these flare-ups by Johnson's carryings-on in the years immediately following.

Coming as it did just a little more than a decade after the Reno event, the Dempsey-Wills rivalry in the early twenties was looked upon by many as likely to cause an eruption of the racial tensions of 1910. Had the match been made, it is doubtful that any city would have afforded it sanctuary, so fearful were the powers that be of its possible aftermath, whatever the result.

How Dempsey felt about Wills is a moot point; Jack had boxed Negro fighters in his early days, a better than average fighter named John Lester Johnson having been one of them. Manager Jack Kearns and Promoter Tex Rickard were probably just as happy over the way things worked out since the Manassa Mauler was a walking gold mine, and risking such a windfall in a bout with Wills naturally did not appeal to them.

The late George Godfrey, the Dark Shadow of Leiperville, Pa., most redoubtable Negro big man between Wills and Louis, was simply "included out" when the subject of championship matches would arise. Godfrey was active during the late twenties and early thirties, and champions Gene Tunney, Jack Sharkey, Max Schmeling and Primo Carnera simply pretended there was no such person as George Godfrey during their respective reigns which spanned Godfrey's career.

Jack Sharkey had won a hairline decision over Godfrey in Boston on September 21, 1926. Sharkey was a contender himself at the time so everyone probably figured that took care of big George forever. Godfrey also met Carnera during Primo's cross-country junket in 1930 but the less said about that one the better. Carnera wasn't the champ then anyway.

Johnson and Louis, both world champions, obviously got their chances. Jack secured his the hard way, chasing Tommy Burns from country to country before he cornered the Canadian in Australia in 1908.

Many causes contributed to Joe's big chance, the determining factor being the bitter battle between those two present partners, the Madison Square Garden Corp. and The Twentieth Century A. C. in the mid-thirties. Mike Jacobs had Joe and with him in line, he experienced no difficulty in getting Jimmy Braddock to defend his title against Joe.

All in all, up to the time Louis won the championship from Braddock in 1937, only two Negroes had ever figured in heavyweight title fights, Jack Johnson and Jim Johnson. There has always been a kind of haze around the fight between the two Johnsons, as a bona-fide championship. Some historians have labelled it little more than an exhibition.

That brings us down to only one heavyweight championship bout in which two Negroes took part in fifty years until Jersey Joe Walcott came on the scene. He is the first Negro battler to get two cracks at the crown, the biggest plum in boxing.

When Joe Louis tackled John Henry Lewis, it was the only time in ring history when two Negroes fought for the world crown in the heavyweight division. Lewis, who had held the light-heavyweight championship, proved no match for his heavier opponent. John vacated his light-heavy crown to get the shot at the Brown Bomber and he was bombed out of the picture. That fight was staged in the Garden.

Times really do change and none realizes it like the old-time Negro fighter who sees his modern counterpart come upon pugilism's promised land.

New Faces

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Dom realizes the opportunities afforded a young and promising fighter and is hopeful of attaining the successful perch in the fistic industry.

Joe Geno, a fighter himself a few years ago, is managing the affairs of Saia.

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SHERIFF JACKSON

SHERIFF JACKSON is a twenty-year-old youngster, out of the simon pures a little over a year, who is rapidly becoming one of Ohio's better middleweights. Although Jackson has lost three bouts in his fifteen professional mills he has been developing steadily as proved by the fact that he has won his last five fights, four via the knockout medium.

Homer Bingham, Billy Jackson, Alex Arella, Dick Hartley, and Mickey Janoski have been the youngster's latest victims. Arella being the only opponent to avert the quietus treatment in a six-rounder which Sheriff won convincingly.

Less Huffman, his manager, lays the rules down for Sheriff.

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WALLY UNSOLD

RATED by THE RING as the light-heavyweight prospect of the month for January, Wally Unsold has come to the fore by leaps and bounds though he has had only six pro fights. Undefeated as an amateur, 24-year-old Wally of Dover, Ohio, has never fought a preliminary bout either among the simon-pures or pros.

In 1947 he won the A.A.U. State title of Ohio and with 29 bouts under his belt joined the professional ranks. Dick Cunningham, Sonny McFarland, Tommy Woodward, Wally Baden, Ollie Madison and Chris Tabor all quivered from the force of his deadly, short right hand punch and still Unsold remains unbeaten. Manager Paul Cash is bringing his boy along slowly but the manner in which he wins rates notice. Scaling 168, he is tall and rangy and his six foot, four inch frame denotes that he will soon be a heavyweight.

How far he will be able to stretch his winning streak is hard to say but practically everyone who has seen him in action is sold on Unsold.

Hawaiian Ace

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Fernandez's popularity with Hawaiian fans is not due exclusively to his spectacular fighting ability. In the ring he may be a vicious, relentless killer, but outside the ropes he is quiet, modest and unassuming, with a pleasant personality. He works as a lineman for a local electric company. Of Puerto Rican descent, Frankie is the second in a family of six children. His older brother, Danny, also was a boxer, and at one time held the Territorial amateur welterweight title.

Much of Frankie's popularity stems from his fine sportsmanship. When he knocked out Moore in their return bout, he was so elated that for a few seconds he forgot himself and jumped all over the ring. Then he suddenly remembered, and broke away from his handlers to rush over to his fallen foe, anxiety written all over his face. Moore was hospitalized the following day, and Fernandez took time off from his work to visit the rival he was supposed to "hate" so much.

A great fighter, Frankie Fernandez, and a real credit to himself and to the boxing ring.

A Trio of Californians

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Burton and Roman Alvarez, at a time when Tommy was much less experienced than now. In his most recent bout, Campbell stopped John L. Davis, a stunt that other of our highly-rated lightweights could not do. Among his other victims are Max Perez, Talmadge Bussey, Bill Tierney, Bolton Ford and Bill Eddy.

Campbell was born at Kansas City, Kan., Aug. 25, 1921. He was a star high school athlete in that city, excelling at basketball and track. He ran the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds. Tommy is married and has two small children. He is mechanically inclined and therefore is already a champion in the eyes of his wife, for, the gadgets are not long out of order around their house, which incidentally, is located in Los Angeles. His favorite pastime is playing the piano.

Campbell is managed by Eddie Stanley, who is no shrinking violet when it comes to extolling the merits of a fighter. And in this case, Stanley has really got something to sell.

Hitting the Spotlight

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Nuttall, and though it went into the books as a decision lost for Marotta, ringside observers felt the duke could have gone either way and that a draw would have been more popular. After taking Ray Mila into camp Eddie was again matched with Nuttall and suffered his second loss though this one was even closer than the first.

Since then he has been unbeatable, winning twice from Pat Iacobucci, and then adding Harry Lassain, Gene Spencer and Frankie Rivera to his list. Hardy Mel Hammond held him to an eight-round draw. A short stay in hospital kept him on the sidelines but he is well again and ready for the topnotchers in the featherweight ranks.

Ably managed by Jimmy Avon who has been in the game for almost forty years Marotta is certain to notch his share of wins and cause a lot of trouble for the top men soon.

The "Swells" and Glamour in Boxing

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The "gate" surpassed all expectations and Miss Morgan was happy with the receipt of a small bundle for her favorite charity.

Incidentally, my favorite fighter of all time is this same Richie Mitchell. He could always get up off the floor, which makes him a great fighter in my book. Another was Barney Ross.

The Anne Morgan show started many "high-toned" gentlemen in the fight game. They were all eager to obtain "pieces" of fighters.

For instance, Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., who bought into the Belgian middleweight, Rene DeVos, forked over $25,000 to Lew Burston for a share of the foreigner. The contract ran for three years and Mr. Biddle not only got back his 25 grand but a little more to boot.

His father, Major Biddle, was a boxing enthusiast of the first order.

On one occasion the elder Biddle gave Georges Carpentier $10,000 for the privilege of sparring with the Orchid Man. He also officiated as a judge at the old Garden the night Sammy Sieger fought Billy De Foe. De Foe annihilated Sieger but the Major voted for Sieger and the fight was called a draw on which occasion I saved myself the huge fortune of $1,500, believe it or not. I wagered on Sieger. In the 12th round I paid off, but the good old Major saved my life, financially speaking.

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ANOTHER crackerjack millionaire sportsman who loves boxing is Jock Whitney. He bought into the huge Abe Simon from Jimmy Bronson. Simon fought Joe Louis twice and a couple of other guys but he wasn't much and finally retired. He's now a referee. Mr. Whitney might have lost a little on this venture but he got a great bang out of owning a fighter.

It was Al Jolson who first brought Henry Armstrong into the pugilistic limelight. He purchased him from One Shot Wirt Ross for a paltry sum and then turned him over to the late Eddie Mead. Mead grabbed a fortune piloting Hammerin' Hank.

Raft had more than a rooting interest in several fighters. He was a bit of a fighter himself years before he went in for tango dancing. Enzo Fiermonte, the Italian heavyweight, had more brains than fighting ability and he married into the Astors.

The Tommy Loughran-Jimmy Braddock light-heavyweight championship bout was clinched in Bill Carey's penthouse on Park Avenue. At that time Mr. Carey was president of Madison Square Garden. He spent half a million, to keep the figures low, entertaining new found friends in the boxing business. Most of the members of the Garden's 600 Millionaires like boxing better than any other sport, including polo.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

ERNIE HUNICK, West Jordan, won a 10 round decision over Keith Nuttall, Provo, before 5000 fans at Derk's field in Salt Lake City, Utah, to win the intermountain lightweight championship.

In two previous fights, Nuttall had won over Hunick by a decision and a kayo.

John Mooney, sports editor for the Salt Lake *Telegram*, called Hunick a "Wrong man Corrigan." Nuttall was obviously baffled by Hunick's new strategy. Mooney declared that Hunick won the bout because he had studied motion pictures of the two previous fights.

In a preliminary on the card promoted by the syndicate of Dee Smith, Dave Reynolds and Don Mayne, Gene Pearce won a six round decision over Joe Lyman. Each handed the other some rough going.

Other bouts saw Frankie Walker outpoint Gil Ramirez; Bobby Foster decision Frankie Montoya; and Ron Whittle outscore Tommy Fair.

Louis Is the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING STAFF

SELDOM in recent years have so many championship bouts been staged as during the past few weeks. First in importance was the twenty-fifth defense of the world heavyweight crown by Joe Louis in which bout he stopped Joe Walcott. In other title contests, Tony Zale regained the crown from Rocky Graziano; in the middleweight division, Ray Robinson retained his welter title by gaining the decision in a close battle with Bernard Docusen, a contest in which Ray had a difficult time making the weight; Ike Williams defeated Enrique Bolanos and again Beau Jack a few weeks later, to remain the leader of the lightweight corps of fighters and Manuel Ortiz went down to Mexico City to whip Memo Valero in a bantam championship match.

In addition Willie Pep, world feather king, and Rinty Monaghan, world flyweight title holder, engaged successfully in over-the-weight matches. Thus each champion in every division with the exception of the lightweight, was seen in action and shortly after we went to press, Gus Lesnevich, head of the light-heavies, tackled Freddie Mills in London in defense of his 175 pound crown.

Not in many years have the world title holders taken part in so many battles in which the crown was at stake as in the six weeks starting with early June and ending with late July. Besides the above, Marcel Cerdan and Cyrille Delannoit twice engaged in a fight for the European middleweight championship, in the first of which Cyrille relieved Marcel of his diadem and in the return bout, both fought at Brussels, Cerdan turned the tables on his rival and the victory gained him a shot at Zale's middleweight crown.

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HONORS for the month go to Louis. His feat was the outstanding one of a busy month for the big shots in boxing. The announcement of the Brown Bomber's retirement leaves the field wide open for a heavyweight title tournament though from all appearances, Louis will not remain in retirement and so no such tourney will become necessary. Based on his showing against the Bomber, whom he dropped, Walcott remains the Number One challenger. There are no other heavyweights worth considering and if Louis abides by his decision to hang up his gloves, then two light-heavyweights figure most prominently in the role of challengers—Gus Lesnevich, the champion, and Ezzard Charles. Since the Mills-Lesnevich fight took place after this issue was closed, should Mills take the title from Gus, his name will have to be added to the list of those who must fight it out among themselves to gain recognition as heavyweight contenders.

Lee Savold, whose quick kayo of Gino Buonvino put him back in the running, occupies second place in this month's ratings with Colion Chaney, an in-and-outer, Joey Maxim and Rusty Payne who knocked out Erv Sarlin and Sid Peaks, following. Then comes Curtis Sheppard, one of the hardest hitters in the division but an unreliable fighter so far as form is concerned. Arturo Godoy, Jo Weidin, the Austrian clown who is to be imported by Max Waxman for an American tour; Melio Bettina, who has displayed a new lease of life and Jimmy Bivins, who was whipped by Archie Moore, a light-heavy, complete the first ten among the heavies.

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MARCEL CERDAN, by virtue of his victory over Delannoit and his success in gaining a championship fight with Zale, is rated Number One among the middleweights. Delannoit is allotted third place and Jose Basora, who is on a winning streak but can get none of the top men to clash with him, is rated fourth. Dick Turpin, recent winner of the British Empire and British middleweight crown has won a place among the elite. He is ranked seventh and Rocky Graziano, former champ, has been dropped to fifth place.

Doug Ratford holds down the leading spot among the welters with Docusen on his trail.

Beau Jack, who was listed as a welter but insisted on being reclassified and fought Ike Williams for the lightweight crown, finds himself in seventh position in the division ruled over by Williams, with Bolanos remaining the outstanding challenger. Andres Bolderas of Mexico City had his winning streak of 42 broken when he dropped the decision to Eddie Bertolino of Galveston, Texas.

Because of his victory over Sandy Saddler, though the decision from all reports, seemed to be unfair to Sandy, Chico Rosa now occupies the challenger's post for Willie Pep's title. A return engagement between Rosa and Saddler would be a natural in New York as would a world championship fight between Saddler and Pep, one long overdue, or one between Rosa and Pep.

Elis Ask, star Finnish boxer who had been rated high among the bantams, has outgrown that division and is now a full-fledged featherweight. He is ranked eighth.

In the flyweight division, Sandeyron continues to head the contenders with Dickie O'Sullivan next in line. O'Sullivan fought a draw with the European title holder. Al Chavez has been dropped to ninth place. Here are the most important results of the month:

Heavyweights

Joe Louis made his 25th successful defense of the heavyweight championship of the world by knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott in 11 rounds. Light-heavyweight Archie Moore won a ten-round decision over Jimmy Bivins, heavyweight contender.

Curtis Sheppard kayoed Alfredo Lagay, 3. Jo Weidin chilled Francis Jacques, 3, and Alf Brown, 1. Roland LaStarza beat Tony Zagani, 8.

Lee Oma was held to a ten-round draw by Ted Lowry. Lowry knocked out Eddie Jackson in 2. Joey Maxim outboxed Joe Kahut, 10, and Bill Peterson, 10. Melio Bettina kayoed Angel Sotillo, 3, and Austin Johnson, 2. Bernie Reynolds stopped Nathan Mann, 4.

Turkey Thompson outlasted Tony Bosnich, 10. Hard-socking Rusty Payne kayoed Lin Brosier, 3, and then Rusty went on to knock out the highly regarded Sid Peaks in 2 rounds. Red Applegate defeated Billy Fox, 10. Lloyd Marshall kayoed Ernie Rios, 3.

Australian champion, Jack Johnson, stopped Ross Pippett, 11. Roland LaStarza outfought Ben Rusk, 6. Jerry McSwain nodded Dale Hall, 10. Natie Brown knocked out Ray Edge in 1:04 of the first round in Brown's comeback. Willie Bean outpunched Francisco de la Cruz, 10. Gino Buonvino whipped Jim Neville, 10. McKinley English drew with Austin Johnson, 6.

Abel Cestac knocked out Lucas Rubinisk, 2. Louis Berlier outscored Dolph Quijano, 12. Phil Berman halted Eddie Neuguth, 2. Vern Mitchell outpointed Fidel Arciniega, 10. Jim Holden defeated Augustino Guedes, 8. Joe Lindsay kayoed Earl Walls, 4.

Roy Hawkins chilled Newsboy Millich, 3. Johnny Shkor stopped Oscar Goode, 4. Richard Hagan was too smart for Wade Chancey, 4. Ray Stevens chilled Leroy Evans, 8. George Washington stretched Earl Walls, 1.

Dan Bucceroni stopped Tony Jess, 2. Don Mogad outmauled James Connolly, 4. Earl Walls chilled Phil Alston, 1. Steve King decisioned Art Henri, 6. Floyd Gibbons kayoed Ken Johnson, 3.

Rusty Payne knocked out Erv Sarlin, 7. Enrico Bertola bested Red Cameron, 8. Jackie Cranford kayoed Leo Stoll, 4.

Freddy Beshore whipped Bobby Zander, 10. Steve King beat George Watson, 6.

Light-heavyweights

Oakland Billy Smith stopped Bob Garner, 6, but Bob Satterfield knocked out Smith in 1 round. Smith also lost to Bert Lytell in 10. Bob Foxworth

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending July 15, 1948

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Joe Walcott	Ezzard Charles	Marcel Cerdan	Doug Ratford
2—Lee Savold	Freddie Mills	Bert Lytell	Bernard Docusen
3—Colion Chaney	Dave Sands	Cyrille Delannoit	Kid Gavilan
4—Joey Maxim	Leonard Morrow	Jose Basora	Robert Villemain
5—Rusty Payne	Archie Moore	Rocky Graziano	Frankie Fernandez
6—Curtis Sheppard	Lloyd Marshall	Jake LaMotta	Tippy Larkin
7—Arturo Godoy	Bob Satterfield	Dick Turpin	Johnny Greco
8—Jo Weidin	Nick Barone	Chuck Hunter	Bee Bee Wright
9—Melio Bettina	Pat McCafferty	Lee Sala	Johnny Cesario
10—Jimmy Bivins	Gerrit Lefebre	Steve Belloise	Earl Turner

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Ike Williams	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Rinty Monaghan
1—Enrique Bolanos	Chico Rosa	Guido Ferracin	Maurice Sandeyron
2—Jesse Flores	Sandy Saddler	Luis Galvani	Dickie O'Sullivan
3—Johnny Williams	Carlos Chavez	Jackie Paterson	Dado Marino
4—Maxie Docusen	Jimmy McAllister	Peter Kane	Monito Flores
5—Andre Famechon	Jose Gonzales	Stan Rowan	Luis Skena
6—Freddie Dawson	Jackie Graves	David Kui Kong Young	Emile Famechon
7—Beau Jack	Ray Famechon	Elley Bennett	Charlie Squire
8—Paulino Montes	Elis Ask	Theo Medina	Raoul Degryse
9—Paddy DeMarco	Eddie Compo	Luis Romero	Al Chavez
10—Eddie Giosa	Tirso del Rosario	Fernando Gagnon	Mickey Hill

outpointed Enrique Felipi, 10. Gerrit Lefebre retained his Dutch title by stopping Dorus Elten, 5.

Lloyd Marshall kayoed Ernie Rios, 3. Bob Amos defeated Alabama Kid, 10. Pat McCafferty defeated Bob Garner, 10. Bill Fox dropped a ten-rounder to Red Applegate. Nick Barone outscored J. C. Wilkins, 10.

Billy Grant iced Bob Isler, 5. Artie Levine came back after a long layoff to stop Joe Reddick in six rounds. Johnny Colan was held to a ten-round draw by Bobby Dance. Frankie Anderson kayoed Wilfe Shanks, 4. Dom Bernardo chilled Early Butler, 1. Mike Sipippo won over James Johnson, 6.

Tony DeMicco whipped Larry Shaw, 6, and Charlie Marshall, 8. Dave Whitlock made it 19 in a row with a kayo over Bob Dunlap in 5. Jackie Burke decisioned Baby Joe Walcott, 6. J. D. Kilpatrick stiffened George Washington, 2.

Willie Reeves stopped Bob Parker, 3. Sam Rice beat John Carabella, 8. Baby Joe Walcott chilled Fred Ford, 2. Armando Machin decisioned Francis Incontrera, 4. Phil Berman kayoed Ted Harrison, 2.

Dan Bucceroni halted John Calcinore, 4. Kenny Harris kayoed Elton Evans, 5.

Nick Barone chilled Shelton Bell, 7. Leonard Morrow knocked out Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 5.

Middleweights

Marcel Cerdan beat Cyrille Delannoit in 15 rounds to regain the European middleweight title. Bert Lytell decisioned Roy Miller, 10. Jose Basora won over Jimmy Sherrer, 10. Dick Turpin defeated Vince Hawkins in 15 heats to take the British crown. Randolph Turpin outpunched Alby Hollister, 8. Bert Lytell beat Billy Smith, 10.

Major Jones dropped a ten-rounder to welterweight George Costner. Lee Sala knocked out Danny Rosati, 3. Jack Snapp thrashed Jack Chase, 10, and kayoed Leroy Wade, 3. Joe DeJohn decisioned Sonny Horne, 10, and DeJohn K.O.'ed Len Taglia in 2.

O'Neill Bell was held to a ten-round draw by Charley (Zivic) Affif. Jesus Villa outpointed Nate Ganie, 10. Tony Janiro thrashed Indian Gomez, 8.

Jim Herring stopped Vic Belanger, 5. Herbie Kronowitz outmauled Lou Valles, 8. Vinnie Cidone chilled Willie Reeves, 4. Joe Lazano outpointed Norman Butts, 8.

Mike Carney drew with Ray Aliverto, 6. Don Hassock trounced Gene Roberts, 6. Jack Chase drew with Bobby Ward, 6. Bobby Brown bested Henry Holt, 6. Roy Thomas licked Bobby Holt, 4.

Australian champion Dave Sands stopped light-heavyweight George Allen, 6. Italian champion Tiberio Miti whipped Ben Embarek, 10. Jean Stock stopped Gus Degouve, 7.

Jakob Schmidt won the German title from Fritz Garmeister, 12. Mark Hart outpointed Emile de Greef, 8. Albert Finch halted Jock Taylor, 7.

Herbie Morris drew with Richie Dallas, 6. Sal Richie stopped Al Hersh in 9. Johnny Potenti decisioned Tiger Flowers, 10. Ray Spurlock whipped Wayne Strowbridge, 8. Nick Kashuba bested Billy Cooper, 8. Nate Smith beat Johnny Izzo, 4.

Smuggy Hursey defeated Cecil Hudson, 10. Frank Incontrera decisioned Armando Machin, 4. Peter Masters drew with Nick DeGrazio, 4. Al Winn stopped Eddie Richardson, 4. Mike Carney whipped Angel Martinez, 4.

Jimmy Curl knocked out heavyweight Ernie Rios, 7. Jack Parks outpointed Buzz Brown, 6. Bob Morelli whipped Lou Lundell, 4. Phil Roderique drew with Ted Brassley, 8.

Jimmy Woods nodded Leonard Lukas, 4. Eddie Ocasio outscored Eddie Richardson, 6. Nick DeGrazio stiffened John McGuire, 2. Al Evans kayoed Roy Chambers, 2.

Sonny Horne upset Anton Raadik, 10. Lavern Roach nodded Aaron Perry, 10.

Jimmy Curl stopped Oswaldo Silvo, 2. Tony Janiro decisioned Chet Vinci, 8. Jim Flood chilled Bobby Holt, 3.

J. T. Ross halted Paul Terry, 4. Ken Stribling lost to Randy Brown, 10.

Welterweights

Champion Ray Robinson won a 15-round decision over Bernard Docusen in a title contest. George Costner defeated ranking middleweight Major Jones in 10. Johnny Cesario beat Henry Jordan, 10.

Billy Graham trounced Patsy Brandino, 8. Jimmy King whipped Bobby Lee, 10. Roman Alvarez drew with Frankie Abrams, 10. Jim Flood stiffened Jimmy Bearden, 2. Bobby Mann defeated Art Soto, 10.

Gus Mell trounced Solly Zalter, 10. Sammy Secreet whipped Bobby Simmons, 10. Joe DiMartino whipped Chet Vinci, 10. Phil Burton outpointed Russell Richter, 8; but lost to Jim Carter, 10. Allard Perry whipped Johnny Bell, 8.

Chico Pacheco drew with Danny Ruggiero, 10. Pat Donahue beat George LaRover, 10. Bee Bee Wright nodded Terry Moore, 10. Bobby Dykes stopped Carl Silvers, 4.

Vince Turpin outclassed Mickey Zangara, 10, and drew with Kid Dinamita, 10. Gene Hairston kayoed Freddie Patterson, 3. Rudy Zadell outpointed Chuck Taylor, 10. Mike DeCosmo chilled Teddy Pritchard, 5. Joe DiMartino whipped Chet Vinci, 10. Benny Evans drew with Mickey Tollis, 12.

Al D'Ambrosio stiffened James Scott, 1. Billy Morris beat Johnny Parker, 6. Cliff Hart stopped Mickey Savage, 8. Jack Besselman kayoed Frank Moran, 7.

Willie Beltram drew with Joey Carkido, 8. Dick Bigley halted Bill Irons, 3. Jackie Wilson trimmed Johnny Luz, 6. Jack Botnovich whipped Elmer Jennings, 4.

Dave Andrews whipped George B. Smith, 10. Charley Russell shaded Billy Greco, 6. Artie Daponte fought a draw with Marino Calamia, 4. Al Constantino stopped Len Durham in 5. Wilfred Miro decisioned Willie Cheatum, 6.

Jack Armstrong stopped Henry Polowitzer, 7. Joe Lucignano beat Laurie Buxton, 10. Frankie Broderick nodded Angel Chavez, 6. Vic Cardell flattened Mario Marino, 1, and beat Ted Pritchard, 6. Gene Salisbury whipped Danny Butler, 6.

Joe Johnson bested Johnny Villaneuva, 10. Hermie Freeman outpointed Al Couture, 10. Joe Cascella beat Bill Cody, 4. Larry Morgan decisioned Enrique Lopez, 6. Eddie McCarthy bested Billy Farmer, 4.

Billy Gillespie beat Bob Morgan, 4. Mike Kobella defeated Tony Netro, 6. Ernest Rowell stopped Danny Stepanovich, 1.

Len Durham beat Al D'Ambrosio, 4. Johnny Kilday defeated Billy Decker, 10. Carl Taulman whipped Tony Marino, 6. John Darby drew with Dave Meredith, 6.

Belgian champion Giel de Roode whipped Ginger Stewart, 10. Scottish champion Willie Whyte stopped Jim Josephs, 5. Alf Taylor outslugged Ric Sanders, 8. Kid Marcel whipped Pierre Le Mentiec, 10.

Bert Linam dropped a ten-rounder to Chester Rico. Jimmy Herring beat Eric Myric, 6.

Angelo Morganti scored MacMitchell, 6. Dorsey Lay bested Speedy Lawrence, 6. Mario Marino nodded Joey Krikis, 6.

Frankie Palermo defeated Laurie Buxton, 8. Johnny Bernardo outscored Jerry Meckler, 4.

Lightweights

Eddie Giosa scored an upset victory over Rudy Cruz, 10. Paddy DeMarco whipped Paulie Jackson, 10. Mario Trigo beat Fabela Chavez, 10. Eddie Bertolino beat Andres Balderas in 10, stopping Balderas' winning streak of 42 straight.

Maxie Docusen decisioned Buddy Jacklich, 10, and won every round of a tenner from Richie Shinn. Maxie Shapiro whipped Al Pennino, 10. Del Flanagan defeated Del Cockayne, 8. Solly Cantor outscored Tony LaBua, 8.

Joe Velez outpointed Joey Ortega, 10. Danny Bartfield decisioned Pete Ferrante, 8, and stopped Dom Amoroso, 5. Felix Bueno defeated Buddy Washington, 10.

Harry Smith beat Lou Casiano, 10. Ted Davis whipped John LaRusso, 10, and stopped Romeo Ouimet, 5. Al Gualtiere shaded Jesse Underwood, 10. Pat Shannon iced Oliver Desmarais, 1, and beat Archie Goodbee, 8.

Robert Takeshita made it 28 victories in a row with stopping Al Medrano in 3 heats. Joey Salcone won over Leo Kelly, 6. Tommy Greb defeated Buddy Hayes, 10. Jimmy Carter defeated Phil Burton, 10.

Scottish champion Harry Hughes scored knockouts over Johnny Fitzpatrick, 5, and Tom McGoldrich, 7. Cliff Curvis thrashed Andre Famechon, 8, and Famechon outpointed Safrani, 10, and Arthur Riela, 10. Hal Bagwell halted Jimmy Jury, 7. Harry Legge was outpointed by welterweight Herbie Smith, 6, but came back to knock out Jimmy Jury, 4.

Andre Gonnett whipped Frank Hermaz, 10. Josef Preys outpointed Ivor (Kid) Germain, 10. Joey Belfiore dumped Roy Love, 4. Walter Haines chilled Mike Banda, 1. Bill Feeney outscored Billy Dove, 6. Louis Joyce kayoed Chuck Burton, 2.

Bobby Nichols beat Mike Pizza, 4. Fred Monforte decisioned Eddie White, 6, and Mike Banda, 6. Vic Young stiffened Jean Barriere, 2. Mario Marino nodded Danny Butler, 6, and Charlie Donovan, 6. Bobby Rosado chilled Al Starling, 3.

Jimmy Watkins decisioned Walter Keyes, 4. Billy Henderson outpointed George LaFalgio, 6. Anthony Arnone kayoed Spider Armstrong, 2. Nick Stato decisioned Young Junior, 10. Jackie Weber nodded Roy Andrews, 10.

Terry Young whipped Joey Belfoire, 10. James Carter defeated Wilfredo Miro, 10.

Miguel Acevedo outboxed Redtop Davis, 10. Stonewall Jackson won over Sonny Boy West, 10. Jim Robinson stopped Lee Bohles. Pete Ferrente bested Pat Brady, 8.

Featherweights

Champion Willie Pep boxed circles around Miguel Acevedo in a ten-round non-title get-together. Pep then thrashed Luther Burgess in another 10-round non-title bout. Chico Rosa scored a major upset by outpointing Sandy Saddler in 10.

Jackie Graves knocked out Mimmie Adragna, 2. Baby Jose Gonzales defeated Spider Armstrong, 10. Manny Ortega drew with Luis Galvani in an overweight match, in 10. Harold Dade defeated Charley Riley, 10. Eddie Compo outboxed Jose Aponte Torres, 8, and Archie Devino, 8.

Dino Bleta knocked out Tom Collins, 3. Glen Flanagan drew with Mel Hammond, 10. Corky Gonzales chilled Mickey Harris, 4. Jean Richard again whipped Fernando Gagnon, 10. Lauro Salas halted Bobby Jackson, 7.

Gurney Van Hook shaded Joe Kay, 6. Sal Ferello defeated Danny Martin, 6. Marcel LaChappelle knocked out Eddie Drake, 5. Eddie Marotta bested Frankie Rivera, 6.

Richard Howard beat Tony Riccio, 10. Billy Henderson nodded Bobby Root, 4. Bobby Bell defeated Ray Edwards, 6. Ray Edwards took a six-rounder from Billy Forde, and drew with Billy Liggett, 6. Armando Rodriguez kayoed Warren Fanning, 2.

Young Junior beat Doc Blanchard, 6. Tony Acevedo nodded Rocky Priore, 4. Charlie Titone whipped George Wright, 6. Nero Ferry stopped Eddie Berry, 4. Blond Tiger decisioned Leon Hutson, 6. Danny Carabella beat Filberto Osario, 10. Roy Higa stopped Joe Berja in 8. Berja died later from a head injury.

European champion Raymond Famechon outpointed Lenadre Mateos, 10, and Al Phillips, 8. British champion Ronnie Clayton drew with Cliff Anderson, 10.

Scottish title-holder Frank Kenny stopped Tony Lombard, 6, but, in turn, retired in the fourth round of a bout with Tommy Burns. Johnny Molloy trounced Ben Duffy, 10. Duffy also lost a decision to Jackie Turpin, 8. Bert Jackson halted Albert Bessell, 5. Buddy Hayes whipped Tony Longo, 8. Joey Scarlota beat Dick Garcia, 6. Jim Rooney defeated Willie Alexander, 8. Dino Bleta drew with Jim Hegeman, 8.

Charley Riley drew with Harold Dade, 10. Bobby Bell whipped Jimmy Sulla, 4. Jimmy Cooper stopped Joe Kay, 8.

Bantamweights

World champion Manuel Ortiz knocked out Memo Valero in the eighth round of a title bout. Luis Galvani drew with Manny Ortega, in 10, in an overweight bout.

Canadian champion Fernando Gagnon dropped a ten-round decision to featherweight Gene Richard.

Scottish titleholder Charley Kerr was outpointed by Ronnie Burr, 8. Stan Rowan decisioned Danny O'Sullivan, 10, and Theo Medina, 8, and O'Sullivan beat Tino Cardinale, 8. Luis Castillo stopped flyweight Al Chavez, 7.

Gus Foran whipped Luis Fernandez, 10, and knocked out Billy Tansey, 1. Spanish champion Luis Romero whipped Mickey McKay, 10. David Kui Kong Young chilled Young Compo, 1.

Bobby Boland stopped Pinchie Thompson, 4. Thompson also was outpointed by Billy Hazelgrove, 8. Eddie Carson flattened Paul Irving, 1.

Calvin Leigh won over Jimmy Callura, 10. Jackie Fairclough outboxed Roy Thomas, 8. Thomas also lost to Willie Rigby, 6. Albert Sanderson defeated flyweight Johnny Bartles, 8.

Henry Schillizzi upset Artie Levine, 6. Angel Ayala iced Billy Forde, 5. Bobby Logan drew with Aponte Torres, 8. Artie Levine whipped Art Olson, 4. Irish Jackie McCoy beat Louis "Lucky" Langley in 10. Rocky Haro defeated Renaldo Delgado in 6.

Flyweights

Champion Rinty Monaghan stopped Charley Squire in the 7th round of non-tftle go. Al Chavez was stopped by Luis Castillo, 7.

Dado Marino starched Marino Tiwanek, 5, and outpointed Jackie Turner, 10. Emile Famechon outpointed Tunisian champion, Tijani, 10, and stopped Bellatreche, 2.

George Sutton annexed Welsh title by outpointing Billy Davies, 15. Les Johnson outpointed Jimmy Gill, 8. Dickie O'Sullivan drew with Maurice Sandeyron, European champion, in 15.

Al Hutt stopped Jackie Hodder, 2, and Eddie Fitzsimmons, 3. Ken Jepson drew with Mac McCormick, 6, and Albert Sanderson, 6.

Billy Birch outpointed Benny Roza, 8, and repeated against Hughie Byrne. Bert Brown edged out Carl West, 6. Jimmy Jennings halted Billy Higgins, 2.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—George Dawson, Wales
Light-heavyweight—Dave Whitlock, San Francisco, Calif.
Middleweight—Eddie Marno, Paterson, N. J.
Welterweight—Gene Hendershot, Binghamton, N. Y.
Lightweight—Mario Rucci, New York, N. Y.
Featherweight — Tony Acevedo, New York, N. Y.
Bantamweight — Mickey Young, Flint, Michigan
Flyweight—Jim Jennings, Great Britain

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BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

THE heavyweight situation being what it is, the fistic fraternity is evincing something more than casual interest in the comeback campaign being conducted by the 31-year-old Beacon, N. Y., southpaw, Melio Bettina. There happens to be an unusual story behind Bettina's current bid for headline status.

It will be recalled that Vic Marsillo, chunky little Newark promoter and manager, played an important role in the resuscitation of Jersey Joe Walcott. Once the Camden veteran reached the stage where he was in line for a title meeting with Joe Louis, Marsillo suddenly found himself pushed unceremoniously out of the general scene.

It was a tough jolt for Vic to absorb, but whatever his feelings may have been, he gave no outward sign of them. Philosophically shrugging off the whole deal, he started to hunt for another heavyweight.

He thought of Bettina, who had practically retired after his stunning 59-second defeat by Gus Lesnevich in Madison Square Garden.

"I didn't take that result too seriously," explains Vic. "I knew Melio was in poor physical condition for that bout, and Lesnevich was lucky to nail him fast."

Marsillo contacted Bettina, had a serious talk with him, and the result encouraged Vic to buy Melio's contract from Manager Jimmy Grippo.

Then followed a long, intensive training program for the Beacon southpaw. Marsillo was in no hurry to get Bettina started. He waited until he was certain the veteran was ready. Finally he tried him out, modestly enough, with Jackie Fisher in Bangor, Me. Melio flattened Fisher in the fifth. His next outing produced another five-round kayo, with Ross Strickland as the victim and Newburgh, N. Y., as the site.

Stepping up the calibre of the opposition, Marsillo then sent Bettina against Angel Sotillo at MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn. Melio toppled the Argentinian in the third.

The fourth and most recent effort of Bettina's comebacks resulted in the two-round annihilation of Austin Johnson in Elizabeth, N. J. From all accounts of that shindig, Melio uncovered his best performance since the pre-war era. He dropped Johnson four times before finishing him.

"Another two or three bouts, and Melio will be ready for any of the so-called topliners," says Marsillo. "One match we particularly want is a return with Lesnevich. And we'll gladly accommodate Ezzard Charles."

How about Jersey Joe Walcott?

Vic smiles. "I've already sent Santa Claus my order for that one."

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WRITES Frank S. Jackson of the Bronx: "In a recent issue of a national weekly, I read an interesting letter from a New York dentist, Dr. A. A. Jacobs, who apparently is a fistic fan, in which he said boxers' mouthguards were introduced by Ted Kid Lewis when he used one in his bout with Jack Britton in Old Madison Square Garden on February 7, 1921. I have a vague recollection of having heard of mouthguards being used before then. Could you enlighten me on this point?"

Frankly, there is no official record of when, where and how mouthpieces, as they are generally called here—or gum-shields, as our British cousins refer to them—first appeared. Dan Morgan, who managed Britton, claims that two or three years before the Garden incident, Lewis used one in a Boston bout with Jack. At least, he used it for a round or two, until Britton and Morgan became aware of it, and they protested so vehemently against what was then regarded as an illegal "foreign substance" that Lewis was forced to remove it.

We know that a mouthpiece was part of Johnny Buff's ring equipment for some time before the Lewis-Britton affair in the Garden. Buff had one specially made to protect his lips from his sharp, jagged teeth. In one of his early professional bouts, before he hit big-time prominence, the mouthpiece almost resulted in disaster for Buff. On January 26, 1920, Johnny was paired with Mickey Delmont of Newark on an all-star card in the Jersey City Armory. In the third round, as we recall, Delmont floored Buff with a vicious right to the chin. The punch dislodged Johnny's mouthpiece, and, while taking the count, he tried to readjust it, but the thick, padded thumb of his glove pushed it back further, and it became wedged in his throat. He started to strangle, and only the timely intervention of Referee Harry Ertle, who reached into Buff's mouth and pulled out the rubber gadget, averted possible tragic consequences.

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A YOUNG MAN, who would appear to be headed for some sort of a modern record for unusual ring industry, is Harry Legge, an English lightweight, who, in four and a half years of professional campaigning, has packed in nearly 125 bouts, and has yet to be knocked out or stopped. He fights anybody, anywhere, at any time, over any distance from six rounds to fifteen—and wins more often than he loses. The most remarkable part of Legge's industrious career is that the lad's right leg is crippled from a youthful siege with infantile paralysis, but it certainly doesn't seem to affect his efforts in the ring.

Bingo Joe Banovic, popular Binghamton light-heavy of the early '30s, has come up with a prospect well worth tabbing. He is 20-year-old Glen Hendershot, a welter, with a record of 14 kayos in his first 18 starts.

Jack Zivic, one of the senior members of Pittsburgh's celebrated fistic clan, has perfected a new boxing shoe that should prove a real boon to the industry. It reduces skidding on slippery canvas to a minimum, and does away with the use of resin—for which the grateful thanks not only of the boxers, but of seconds, referees, officials and working press.

The thing is becoming contagious. Natie Brown, the old Washington heavy, now 38, recently tried himself out in a couple of tune-ups down in Georgia, and is serious now about taking another crack at the ring.

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BILLY GRAHAM'S flashy style of milling made quite an impression on Jack Solomons, during the London promoter's visit here, and the East Side Irishman can grab himself a lot of lucrative work if he feels in the mood to journey over to England.

A cataract in his left eye has temporarily halted the ring career of Henry David (Snow) Flake of Buffalo, one of the better young heavies. An operation is planned for him at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

An injured right elbow, suffered in his sizzling draw with O'Neill Bell in Pittsburgh, has put Charley (Zivic) Affif on the sidelines for another enforced spell of inactivity. The colorful young Pittsburgh middleweight has been getting more than his share of tough breaks. Two previous layoffs during the last year were caused by a damaged right thumb. It was cracked first on Sonny Horne at the St. Nick Arena, and Charley was out for three and a half months. Then he wrecked it all over again on Herbie Kronowitz in Madison Square Garden, and

was laid up four months.

If and when Bruce Woodcock, British and European heavy champ, returns to action, Lee Savold is being mentioned as a possible opponent for him in London. Savold also has a match brewing with Johnny Ralph in South Africa.

The month's results:

The third triumph of his comeback campaign, and first in the metropolitan area, was chalked up by Melio Bettina, 196, Beacon, N. Y., veteran, when he stopped Angel Sotillo, 206, Argentina, in the third at MacArthur Stadium. The top spot was in keeping with the supporting card, which produced knockouts in all but two bouts. Mike Silipo, 165, Ozone Park, outpunching James Johnson, 164½, Harlem, in six, and Armando Machin, 165, Ozone Park, decisioning Francis Incontera, 164, Bay Ridge, in four. In the other scraps, Joe Lindsay, 171½, Brooklyn, flattened Earl Walls, 190, Windsor, Canada, in the fourth; Al D'Ambrosio, 144½, Brooklyn, halted James Scott, 145, Harlem, in the first, and Willie Reeves, 168, Bronx, stiffened Bob Parker, 173, St. Louis, in the third.

One of the flashiest youngsters to show hereabouts in recent months, Vince Turpin, 144½, Canton, Ohio, was given a chance in a main event at the Jerome Stadium, and made the most of the opportunity by tossing a thorough lacing into Mickey Zangara, 155½, Bronx, in ten. The 11-pound weight handicap meant nothing to Turpin, who won all the way. Eugene (Dummy) Hairston, 148, Bronx, stopped Freddie Patterson, 147, Rochester, N. Y., in the third of the semi-final. In sixes, Hy Meltzer, 139½, East Side, decisioned Barney Taylor, 138½, Utica, N. Y., and Gene Salico, 129½, Bronx, outpointed Henry Schillizzi, 128½, Middle Village, L. I. In the opening four, Joe Atria, 139, Harlem, ran off his seventh straight pro win by whipping Vic Servo, 138, Brooklyn.

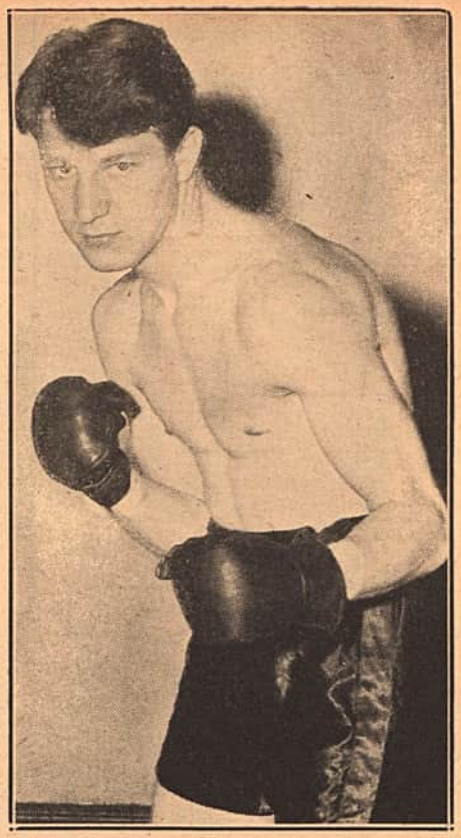
The opening of the Long Beach Stadium's summer campaign featured the return to action, after nearly a year's layoff with damaged hands, of Danny Bartfield, 137½, popular East Sider. Danny celebrated the occasion by tossing a boxing lesson into rugged Pete Ferrente, 137, Bronx, in eight. Another East Sider was returned winner in the semi-final six when Al Costantino, 146½, proved too experienced for Billy Dove, 142, Cliffside Park, N. J. In the other sixes, Tito Valles, 147½, East Side, drew with Jimmy Morioka, 124¾, Toronto, Canada; Frank Belanger, 147, Quebec City, Canada, outpunched Frank Fisher, 143½, Bronx, and Larry Shaw, 170½, Sheepshead Bay, decisioned Frank Incontera, 164, Bay Ridge. In the opening four, Johnny Salamone, 125, Bronx, drew with Joe Rigano, 121½, Ozone Park.

A specialist in last-minute substitutions, Laurie Buxton, 147, Watford, England, did it again by filling in for Rocco Rossano against Joe Lucignano, 147½, Hoboken, at the Queensboro Arena, but after having Lucignano down for nine in the first, the Britisher couldn't maintain the pace, and he blew the decision in ten. A riproaring semi-final six resulted in a hairline verdict for Gurney Van Hook, 128¼, Philadelphia, over Joey Kay, 130¾, Horwich, England. A collision of heads in the last round opened a nasty gash under Kay's right eye, and enabled Van Hook to sneak through with a fast finish that caught the officials' fancy. In another six, Herbie Morris, 160½, Cleveland, battled to a draw with Richie Dallas, 162, St. Louis.

Showing in the ring for the first time since his honeymoon, Paddy DeMarco, 137, rough-and-tumble slugger from Brooklyn's Navy Yard, whipped Paulie Jackson, 137, Reading, Pa., in ten at the Coney Island Velodrome. In sixes, Don Hassock, 158, Paterson, decisioned Gene Roberts, 160, Bronx; Bobby Brown, 156, Brooklyn, outpunched Henry Holt, 160, Danbury, Conn., and George Washington, 198, Brooklyn, flattened Earl Walls, 192, Windsor, Canada, in the first. In fours, Mannie Torres, 141, Phoenix, Ariz., beat Roy Love, 136, Chicago, and Roy Thomas, 156, Bronx, won over Bobby Holt, 152, Danbury.

A lot of kids from Brooklyn's Brownsville neighborhood were assured a free trip to camp this summer by the success of a show staged at the Eastern Parkway Arena for the 73rd Precinct of the Police Athletic League. In the feature six, Jimmy Herring, 152, unbeaten Ozone Park youngster, polished off Vic Belanger, 154, Canada, in the fifth. In other sixes, Vinnie Cidone, 158, Coney Island, starched Willie Reeves, 161, Harlem, in the fourth; Johnny Marino, 138, East New York, decisioned Oscar Lewis, 137¾, Newark, and Johnny Britenbruck, 147, Ridgewood, outpointed Bobby Williams, 140½, Brooklyn.

With the visiting British delegation, headed by London Promoter Jack Solomons, looking on, Billy Graham, 142¾, East Side, came through with a flashy exhibition in outpointing rugged Patsy Brandino, 142, Hamilton, Canada, in eight at Croke Park. In the semi-final, Yorkville's latest favorite, Irish Jimmy Flood, 152½, flattened Jimmy Bearden, 150¾, Las Vegas, Nev., in the second. Gene Salisbury, 141, North Bergen, N. J., outpointed Danny Butler, 137¼, Bronx, in six, and Billy Henderson, 129½, Leavaland, Texas, beat Bobby Root 128¼ Bronx in four.



Billy Graham, flashy East Side Irishman, has been invited by London Promoter Jack Solomons for a series of bouts with British welterweights.

Rough, tough Nick Kashuba, 159½, South Brooklyn, mauled and punched his way to a decision in eight over Billy Cooper, 159, Paterson, at MacArthur Stadium. Joey Belfiore, 135, Philadelphia, knocked out Roy Love, 138½, Chicago, in the third of the semi-final six. Ray Edwards, 126½, Jamaica, drew with Billy Liggett, 127, Trenton, in six. In fours, Johnny Sheridan, 130, Cliffside Park, N. J., beat Johnny Jamison, 135, Philadelphia; Len Durham, 143, Brooklyn, outpointed Al D'Ambrosio, 144½, Brooklyn, and Walter Haines, 135¼, Brooklyn, flattened Mike Branda, 136, El Paso, Texas, in the first.

Tangling for the third time in five months, Willie Beltram, 139, Bronx, and Joey Carkido, 140, Youngstown, drew in eight at the Coney Island Velodrome. It was Carkido's best effort of the series, Beltram having won both previous starts at the Park Arena and Coney Island. In sixes, Al Winn, 164, Bronx, stopped Eddie Richardson, 161, Paterson, in the fourth; Charley Titone, 124, Ridgewood, defeated Georgie Wright, 128, Philadelphia, and Fred Monforte, 136, Red Hook, whipped Eddie White, 132, Jersey City. In fours, Frankie Carini, 133, East Side, outpointed Herm Cosgrove, 133, Montreal, and Mac Mitchell, 137, Trinidad, beat Pete Servin, 138, El Paso, Texas.

Undergoing treatment for an impacted wisdom tooth, Danny Webb had to pull out of his return match with Tony LaBua at Fort Hamilton Arena, but his place was ably filled by a fellow-Canadian, Solly Cantor, 136, Toronto, who boxed his way to a unanimous decision over LaBua, also 136. LaBua packed the heavier punch, but couldn't cope with Cantor's speed and left hand. The defeat cut short Ozone Park Tony's latest winning streak, which had reached five straight. In sixes, Mike Carney, 159, West Side, drew with Ray Oliverto, 161, Greenpoint; Ray Edwards, 126, Jamaica, decisioned Billy Forde, 128, Brooklyn, and Joe Miceli, 138, Bronx, beat Al Smith, 135, Ozone Park. In fours, Artie Daponte, 145, Red Hook, drew with Marino Calamia, 145, San Diego, Cal., and Armando Rodriguez, 125, Puerto Rico, kayoed Warren Fanning, 124, Bay Ridge, in the second.

The highlight of the card supporting the Louis-Walcott affair at the Yankee Stadium was the kayo chalked up by the Pittsburgh-Baltimore veteran, Curtis Sheppard, 191½, over Alfredo Lagay, 186, Argentina. For the better part of two rounds, Lagay, a shifty sort, cuffed Sheppard around almost at will, and seemed well on his way to a decisive win. But in the last minute of the round, Sheppard nailed him on the chin with a wild overhand right, and Lagay dropped in a heap. Up at nine, he was floored again just as the round ended. Sheppard finished the job in the third, when he jolted Lagay with a vicious right to the body, then clipped him with another right to the chin.

In other sixes, Roland LaStarz, 184, unbeaten young Bronxite, proved too cagey for Benny Rusk, 199, Pasadena, Texas, and rival sparmates, McKinley English, 205, Detroit, of the Louis camp, and Austin Johnson, 191½, Atlantic City, a Walcott hired hand, went to a draw. In fours, Phil Berman, 173, Paterson, stopped Eddie Neuguth, 176, Brooklyn, in the second; Dan Bucceroni, 178¾, Philadelphia, halted Tony Jess, 179½, Wilkes-Barre, also in the second; Don Mogard, 185½, Toronto, outmauled towering James Patrick Connolly, 211, Providence, and Richard Hagan, 199, Chicago, a Louis sparmate, shellacked awkward Wade Chancey, 187, Staten Island.

Gino Buonvino, 197½, Bari, Italy, was too industrious for Jim Neville, 213, Kenilworth, N. J., and won handily in ten at the Queensboro Arena. In the semi-final, Earl Walls, 189¾, Windsor, Canada, stopped Phil Alston, 186, Roslyn, L. I., in the first. Another kayo was chalked up by J. D. Kirkpatrick, 177½, a newcomer from Petersburg, Texas, who polished off George Washington, 195½, Brooklyn, in the second.

Tony DeMicco, 167½, Schenectady, outpointed Larry Shaw, 171, Brooklyn, in a top six at the Jamaica Arena. In other sixes, Joe Murray, 144, Elmont, L. I., whipped Johnny Darby, 143½, Elizabeth, and Billy Henderson, 131, formerly of Lubbock, Texas, now operating out of Cliffside Park, N. J., decisioned Joe Miceli, 138½, Bronx. In fours, Billy Gillespie, 148½, Cliffside Park, whipped Nick Bufalino, 153¾, Brooklyn; Mickey Young, 117½, Flint, Mich., outfought Julie Colon, 122, Brooklyn, and Frank Fisher, 143½, Jamaica, scored the only kayo of the night by flattening Johnny Carter, 139½, Utica, N. Y., in the first.

Though he won clearly enough, Herbie Kronowitz, 156, Coney Island, had to hustle all the way to finish in front of aggressive Lou Valles, 158, East Side, in a hard-fought eight at the Long Beach Arena. In one of the sixes, Lou's brother, Tito, 125, gave the Valles clan an even break on the night's count by edging out Georgie Wright, 127, Philadelphia. In another six, Dave Meredith, 137, Macon, Ga., punched too hard and too often for Tommy Mills, 138, Valley Stream. In a heavyweight four, Joe Dominick, 184, Springfield, Mass., outmauled the heavier Charley Allen, 225, New Castle, Pa.

Such things as rain, slippery canvas and a sparse gathering of customers failed to discourage Vince Turpin, 141½, Canton, Ohio, and Felix Antonio Gomez (Kid Dinamita), 144, San Domingo, and they turned loose a real sizzler in ten at the Jerome Stadium. The official verdict was a draw. The main bout was rushed on ahead of schedule when it started raining, and only one preliminary was completed, Bobby Nicholas, 135½, Hackensack, N. J., outpointing Mike Pizza, 139, Trenton, in four. A six between Ernie Parker, 131¾, East Side, and Joey Krikas, 133, Bronx, went one round before it was called off.

Registering the second win of his latest comeback campaign, Danny Bartfield, 137, East Side, was credited with a technical kayo over Dom Amoroso, 134, Brooklyn, when a nasty cut over Amoroso's left eye prompted Referee Ray Kozak to call a halt in the fifth at the Coney Island Velodrome. Jimmy Walters, 159, Brooklyn, stopped a borough rival, Mike Carney, 160, also in the fifth. Frank Belánger, 145, Canada, decisioned Joe Murray, 145, Elmont, N. Y., in six. In fours, Artie Levine, 125, Balonne, beat Artie Olsen, 122, Utica, N. Y.; Maurice Fredericks, 118, Bronx, whipped Johnny Carr, 122, Brooklyn, and Eric Myric, 147, Washington, D. C., halted Walter Rooney, 143, West Side, in the fourth.

A strong finish succeeded in earning a draw for the veteran Lee Oma, 188, Detroit, in ten with Ted Lowry, 182, New Haven, at the Fort Hamilton Arena. In the fifth of the semi-final, Angel Ayala, 129, Puerto Rico, caught Billy Forde, 128, Brooklyn, coming off the ropes and nailed him with a left hook that stretched Forde for the full count. In sixes, Henry Schillizzi, 128, Middle Village, whipped Artie Levine, 127, Jersey City, and Mario Marino, 137, Jamaica, outpointed Danny Butler, 138, Bronx. In fours, Pete Masters, 156½, Bay Ridge, drew with Nick DeGrazio, 159, Cliffside Park, N. J., and Joe Casella, 140, Staten Island, beat Billy Cody, 140, Greenwich Village.

Showing in a metropolitan ring for the first time since his defeat by Laverne Roach in the Garden six months before, Tony Janiro, 152, Youngstown, breezed through a mild workout at the expense of Indian Gomez, 161, Havana, Cuba, in eight at MacArthur Stadium. Janiro floored Gomez twice in the first, and coasted through the rest of the way. Wood Winslow, 141, Harlem, knocked out Tommy Mills, 141½, Valley Stream, in the fourth of the semi-final. In sixes, Johnny Britenbruk, 146, Ridgewood, outpunched Enrique Lopez, 145, Mexico City, and Bobby Bell, 127, Youngstown, whipped Ray Edwards, 127, Jamaica. In fours, Jimmy Watkins, 131, New London, Conn., outpointed Walter Keyes, 134, Greenville, S. C., and Jimmy Woods, 152, Brooklyn, topped a borough rival, Leonard Lukes, 150½.

Assisted somewhat by the officials, Sal Ferello, 124, Bronx, made it 33 wins in 34 bouts by grabbing a disputed verdict over rugged Danny Mar-

tin, 128¼, Detroit, in six at Jerome Stadium. Martin appeared to have earned the edge. Bobby Rosado, 138½, Puerto Rico, flattened Al Starling, 135½, Trenton, in the third of the semi-final six. In other sixes, Gene Salaco, 129, Bronx, outpointed Georgie Wright, 125, Philadelphia, and Eddie Ocasio, 154¾, Bronx, beat Eddie Richardson, 160, Paterson. Nick Digrasso, 162, Garwood, N. J., knocked out Johnny McGuire, 157, Newark, in the second of the opening four.

The annual get-together of Maxie Shapiro, 134½, East Side, and Al Pennino, 133¼, Brooklyn, was staged at the Queensboro Arena this year, with Shapiro taking the decision in ten, and moving out ahead in the series, 2-1. Maxie had won in 1946 and Pennino in 1947. In sixes, Mario Moreno, 138½, Ozone Park, whipped Charley Donovan, 135½, East Side, and Fred Monforte, 135, Brooklyn, decisioned Mike Banda, 138¾, El Paso, Texas. In fours, Bobby Morgan, 152, Elmhurst, outpointed Billy Gillespie, 148½, Ozone Park; Solly Samuels, 140½, East New York, edged out Billy Calamia, 141, San Diego, Cal., and Norman Kelly, 152, Bronx, topped Johnny Zilka, 153½, Rego Park, L. I.

Carl Taulman, 141¾, Cliffside Park, N. J., outpunched Tony Marino, 141½, Mount Vernon, in the top number of a new talent card of sixes and fours at the Jamaica Arena. Another Cliffside Park entry came through in the semi-final six when Billy Henderson, 131, whipped George LaFalgia, 128½, Harlem. In the other bouts, Bobby James, 160, Harlem, stopped Tommy Varsos, 159, Milwaukee, in the third; Pete Servin, 139¼, El Paso, Texas, flattened Hy Cuthbertson, 136, Bronx, also in the third, and Les Orwin, 187¾, likely-looking youngster from Jersey City, decisioned Charley Allen, 207¾, Bronx, in four.

The return ten between Roman Alvarez, 142, East Side, and Frankie Abrams, 145½, Detroit, at Fort Hamilton Arena failed to produce a clear winner, and the draw verdict seemed fair enough. The bout was a slow, mauling affair, and fell short of matching the first clash, in which Abrams edged out the decision. In the semi-final six, Fred Monforte, 136, Red Hook, outscuffled Frankie Carrini, 132½, East Side. In other sixes, Johnny Darby, 144, Paterson, drew with Dave Meredith, 141½, Cliffside Park, and Jimmy Tarangelo, 142, Greenwich Village, kayoed Steve Czuerbak, 146, Old Bridge, N. J., in the second. Artie DePonte, 146, Red Hook, stopped James Conroy, 143, Bronx, in the second of the opening four.

Charley Cook Passes

Another of Boxing's Old Guard passed away recently when pneumonia counted out Carlos de Costa, who, as Charley Cook, had been prominent in New York's fistic circles for most of his 57 years.

In his youth, Charley had done some boxing, but a dozen preliminary bouts at the old Sharkey A. C. in New York convinced him he didn't have the necessary qualifications. So he quit the ring, went into other fields, and at the close of World War I he was owner of a prosperous cafe on West End Avenue and 69th Street.

Charley never had lost his interest in boxing, however, and early in 1921 he decided that, as a sideline to his cafe business, he would get into the managerial end of the sport.

Through the years he became identified with more than 200 ringmen, among them Floyd Johnson, Tommy Robson, Eddie Huffman, Jimmy Finley, Bill Tate, Bert Colima, Leo Lomski, King Tut, Joe Sekyra, and Larry Cisneros.

He was still active up to the time of his fatal illness. Along with several other boxers he was handling, he was Eastern representative of Jesse Flores, California lightweight—and less than 24 hours before he was stricken, he had closed for Flores to box Paddy DeMarco in Madison Square Garden on August 5.

Celebrating his return to the ring after a seven-months' absence, rugged Sal Richie, 151, Brooklyn, flattened Al Hirsch (Hersh), 151, East Side, in the ninth at the Long Beach Stadium. In the semi-final six, Al Costantino, 145½, East Side, scored two knockdowns in whipping Len Durham, 144, Long Island City. In fours, Mike Banda, 138¾, El Paso, Texas, outpunched Walter Keyes, 136, Greenville, S. C.; Frankie Belanger, 145, Canada, drew with Herb Tessier, 147, Springfield, Mass. Steve Kepeis, 157½, Clifton, N. J., halted Gene Roberts, 160, Philadelphia, in the second, and Willie Stevenson, 133¼, Providence, stopped Mario Cabrera, 136, Norwalk, Conn., in the first.

It seems to have become a habit with Tony Janiro to step out fast, drop his opponent once or twice in the opening round, then coast along to an easy win. The Youngstowner, 153, did it again at the Coney Island Velodrome, this time with Chet Vinci, 156, Rome, N. Y., as the party of the other part. Tony had Vinci down for nine in the first, then breezed to a one-sided decision in eight. Steve King, 192½, Coney Island, finished well ahead of George Washington, 192, Brooklyn, in a dull semi-final six. Mario Marino, 140½, Ozone Park, outpointed Joe Krikis, 133, Bronx, in another six. In fours, Joey Fernandez, 147¼, Brooklyn, beat Nick Bufalino, 153¼, Brooklyn; Ray Bryan, 157½, West Side, stopped Willie Jordan, 157½, Harlem, in the first, and Jimmy Mickens, 148½, East Side, had Roosevelt Henry, 144¼, Harlem, in such bad shape the latter was not permitted to come up for the second.

Making his first start in the ring since his second outing with Paddy DeMarco in the Garden, three and a half months before, Terry Young, 137¾, East Side, punched out a decisive win over Joey Belfiore, 135½, Philadelphia, in ten at the Queensboro Arena. One of the better youngsters in the metropolitan area, Jimmy Herring, 148, Ozone Park, tacked another win to his fast-growing list by whipping Eric Myric, 150, Harlem, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Angelo Morganti, 145½, Astoria, decisioned Mac Mitchell, 139, Trinidad, B.W.I., and Joe Parkin, 134, Harlem, halted Tony Tenore, 141, Hoboken, in the fourth. Maurice Fredericks, 116½, West Side, outpunched Jim Williams, 119, East Side, in the opening four.

Squaring accounts for a previous defeat suffered at the Park Arena during the indoor season, Frankie Palermo, 145½, Bronx, whipped Laurie Buxton, 141½, Watford, England, in eight, at Croke Park. The windup was the only scrap on the card to go its prescribed route, all the supporting numbers producing kayoes. In the semi-final, young Jimmy Flood, 154, Yorkville's latest belting beauty, ran off his seventh straight knockout by flattening Bobby Holt, 153, Danbury, Conn., in the third. In the other bouts, James Leslie, 153, Harlem, flattened Billy Stockey, 154½, Yonkers, in the third; Roy Carter, 151, Bronx, stopped Johnny Dudley, 149, Harlem, in the fifth; Pete Servin, 140½, El Paso, Texas, polished off Phil Dempsey, 140½, Flushing, in the third, and Jim Watkins, 130, New London, Conn., put away Tony Acevedo, 126, Bronx, in the first.

ADDITIONAL CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

JO WEIDIN, the handsome Austrian heavyweight, made short work of Alf Brown (Nunhead) in their return bout at Nottingham. The contest ended in the first round with Brown taking the full count. Elis Ask (Finland) and Johnny Molloy (St. Helens) fought a clean and clever eight-round contest before Ask was awarded the decision. Ric Sanders (Leicester) outpointed Billy Johnston (Manchester) in an eight-round welterweight contest. Don Cockell (Battersea) stopped Dave Goodwin (Shirebrook) in the second round of a cruiserweight contest. George Dawson, the Welsh heavyweight, outclassed Maxwell Ijeh (Nigeria) and the contest was stopped in the first round.

Bob Frost, 148, (West Ham) dealt out heavy punishment to Southpaw Jimmy O'Brien, 145½, (Sidemouth) in their contest at Mile End, and Referee Fred Jackson wisely stopped the contest in the seventh round.

Benny Smith staged his big promotion at Olympia, with six Continental boxers opposing British mitt slingers. In the feature bout over 15 rounds Maurice Sandeyron, holder of the European flyweight title, 111¼, put his title on the line against Dickie O'Sullivan of Finsbury Park, 111¼, and at the end of an interesting bout the referee, M. Mathieu Grandgagnage, appointed by the European Boxing Association, could not find a winner, and declared the bout a draw, which in my opinion was a little hard on the Frenchman. A referee should

Danny O'Sullivan, 118½, brother of Dickie, boxed well to outpoint a tough little bantam from Italy, Tino Cardinale, 118¾, in eight rounds. Stan Rowan, 117¾ (Liverpool), gave a boxing lesson to Theo Medina (France), 118½, and won on points after eight rounds. Ray Famechon, 128, (France) clearly outpointed Al Phillips (Aldgate), 128, in eight rounds. Omar Kouidri, 147¾, (France) forced Referee Teddy Waltham to stop the contest in his favour, when Jim Wellard (Northampton), 148½, signalled to the referee that he had damaged his hand in the sixth round. Joseph Preys (Belgium), 135¼, outpointed Johnny Russell (Covent Garden), 136¾, in eight rounds.

An Upset

In a keenly contested battle at the Auditorium Club of New Orleans, Chester Rico gained the unanimous decision over Bert Linam, a highly rated boxer. Linam, Texas champion, a 4 to 1 favorite, had a tough time getting away from Rico's left and was outfought all the way.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

EDGAR K.O. PERREAULT, New Hampshire's leading 130-pounder, is a hard puncher and he has proved it time and again, locally and in rings throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The kid lives in Berlin, in a section called the East Side, where many a tough and rugged fighter has come out to enjoy a certain amount of success in the fistic world.

Two shows were successfully conducted at the Notre Dame Arena in Berlin, N. H. Nick Primiani, a welterweight fighting out of Montreal, Canada, scored a big hit with local fans of this northern area when he defeated Pat Dyer, Berlin welter, via the decision route in a real thriller. The following show Primiani disposed of another local product in the person of Jimmy Dinardo, a 150-pounder who has plenty of stuff but not quite enough for the seasoned Canadian. "Prim" knocked out Dinardo in five heats.

Berlin fight results were as follows: In a top eight-rounder, local boy, Pat Dyer, lost a split decision to Nick Primiani, Montreal, Canada. It was action all the way with Dyer getting dropped for an eight-count in the fourth, but came back strong to fight the Canadian on almost even terms. In the other co-feature, Edgar K.O. Perreault, 130-pounder and local mitt-slinger, won a hard-fought decision from Larry Sloan, Montreal 128-pounder.

In the semi-final, Les Ways of Portland, Me., won by a kayo from Vic Johnson of Groveton, N. H. Both were 147-pounders and the bout was progressing nicely when a hard blow put Johnson through the ropes in the third round and was unable to return. In the top prelim, Tony Junior of Cascade, N. H., continued his winning ways by gaining a popular decision from Young Bobby Pooler of Portland, Me. Both weighed in at 140 pounds. The opening bout was a slam-bang affair between Tony Ferrante, 126, Cascade, and Paul Martin of Lewiston, Me., 130 pounds. The result was a popular four-round draw.

The following show, which was staged the same night as the Louis-Walcott second meeting, was a good one, but attendance was far below the expected figure. A real good show was presented and once again Nick Primiani, Montreal welterweight, won and this time it was by knockout over local schoolboy, Jimmy Dinardo, in the fifth round.

In the other co-main bout, Willie Leo, 130, Portland, Me., won by a split decision over Larry Sloan, 128, Montreal, Canada, in eight rounds. In the six-round semi-final, blond Jackie Colbourne, 155, Montreal, Canada, won by knockout in the fourth round over Gordon Labbe, 150, Berlin. Labbe was sent to the deck three times before being finally knocked out. In a four-round encounter, Dick Bergeron, 150, Berlin, won a decision over Bert Gagnon, 151, of Lewiston, Maine, and in the opener Tony Ferrante, 130, of Berlin, took a decision from Paul Martin, 131, of Lewiston, Maine, in a four-rounder. In a previous meeting Martin and Ferrante fought to a draw. Bob Gendron was referee.

Other fight clubs, besides Berlin, throughout the Granite State did not operate last month. Manchester suspended operation awaiting the outdoor season which is soon to get underway under the direction of Promoter Christie of the Queen City. Another club which will get started soon is the one at Claremont under the capable promoting of Eli Bourdon, son of former impresario Eli Bourdon, Sr., who passed away not very long ago.

Several new commissioners have been appointed. Among the better known newly appointed are Dick Wagner of the Berlin *Reporter* and Jock MacKenzie, sports announcer at radio station WMOU. The only weakness which requires some adjusting according to most fight followers is the selection of suitable judges.

Fighters who are unattached and desire to fight in northern New England are requested to contact the writer. Send photo and record. Welterweights and middleweights preferable.

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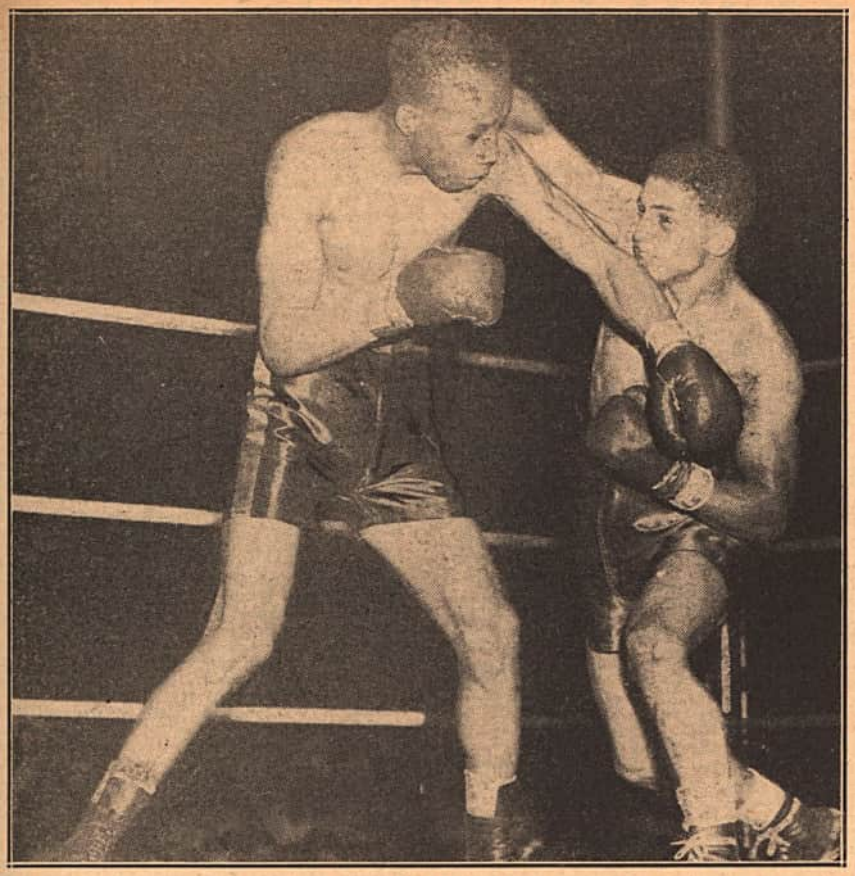

Chico Rosa has just scored with a glancing right to the head of Sandy Saddler in their ten round affair at the Honolulu Stadium in which the Hawaiian champion won the split decision.

RING QUESTION BOX

Thelma Graham, Montreal, Can.

Q.—What was the date of the Lesnevich-Oma fight?

A.—Feb. 22, 1946. Gus was stopped in the fourth round. You'll find all such queries answered for you in THE RING Record Book for 1948.

Ben Powell, Forest Hills, N. Y.

Q.—A says that a championship fight cannot end in a draw. B says there are no rules against such decision. Who is correct?

A.—B. If two of the officials give the fight a draw and the other to fighter A or B, or if one official gives the fight to A, the other to B and the third calls it a draw, the result in either case is a draw.

Owen Stephenson, New Waterford, N. S., Can.

Q.—Who was the greater fighter, Tony Zale or Tiger Flowers?

A.—Flowers by all means. He fought in the days of real opposition. He would have whipped Zale.

Wesley Harlock, Buffalo, N. Y.

Q.—Who was the first American and first English champion?

A.—James Figg was first English champion and Tom Hyer, first American titleholder.

Ed Ted Wagonlander, Flint, Mich.

Q.—Why do foreign fighters fare so poorly against U.S. boxers?

A.—Our fighters are better, that's the only reason I can give you.

Louis Dugre, Calumet City, Ill.

Q.—Was Frank Sinatra ever a pro fighter?

A.—No.

Q.—What is Billy Conn doing?

A.—Engaged in booking field.

Herman Talsor, Brunswick, Mo.

Q.—What was the quickest time for a kayo in a heavyweight title bout?

A.—Tommy Burns kayoed Jem Roache in Dublin, Ireland, in 1:28 of the first round for the quickest kayo.

J. F. Moore, San Jose, Calif.

Q.—If a fighter is saved by the bell at the end of the third round and then finds he cannot come out for the next round, in what round is the K.O. recorded?

A.—If the bell has not sounded for fourth and he quits between third and fourth rounds, then it is a third-round kayo. If bell has sounded, it is a fourth-round knockout.

B. C., Canada—A Reader

Q. When a radio announcer, like Don Dunphy, remarks that a boxer is wild with a right or a left, what does he mean. Does he want to tell his listeners that the fighter has missed with a glancing blow?

A.—I presume what he wants to convey is the fact that the fighter has tossed a punch and it went wild or missed.

Q.—How old is Ezzard Charles and how long has he been fighting?

A.—I'll answer this, but please get a copy of Nat Fleischer's RING Record Book for 1948 for all such material. He was born on July 20, 1923, at Atlanta, Ga., and started fighting as a pro in 1940.

Louis M. Charllois, Canada

Q.—Since according to the weights in your Record Book Fitzsimmons scaled only 172 pounds and he once held the heavyweight title, how could this be accomplished. Wasn't he only a light-heavyweight?

A.—A person can win the heavyweight title regardless of his weight. The fact that Fitzsimmons was a light-heavyweight does not matter.

Matthew Testa, St. Paul, Minn.

Q.—How many fights did Jake LaMotta and Ray Robinson have and what were the results?

A.—You can find all this in Nat Fleischer's RING Record Book for 1948. Why not get a copy and get your answers there? They fought five times. LaMotta won once and lost four bouts.

Jack Tobin, Chicago, Ill.

Q.—Who were the boxers who retired as undefeated champions?

A.—You can find this by going through the records of the old-timers listed in Nat Fleischer's All Time Record Book for 1943. The list includes Jimmy Barry, bantam; Jack McAuliffe, lightweight; Benny Leonard, lightweight; Gene Tunney, heavyweight; James J. Jeffries, heavyweight; Joe Louis, heavyweight, etc.

Leo Soucy, Manchester, N. H.

Q.—What was the largest gate ever taken in at a fight?

A.—Tunney vs. Dempsey bout at Soldiers' Field, Chicago. It grossed $2,658,660.

Q.—What was the gate at the Dempsey-Carpentier fight?

A.—The gross was $1,789,238.

Samuel Levin, Wall St., N. Y. City

Q.—Was Sid Terris ever knocked out? When did he start fighting and when did he quit? About how many fights did he have?

A.—You can get all this information in Nat Fleischer's All Time RING Record Book for 1942, which can be had in the New York Public Library. Terris engaged in close to 100 fights. He started in 1922 and quit in 1931. He was born in New York on September 16, 1902. He was kayoed by Eddie (Kid) Wagner in six rounds; Jimmy McLarnin in one, and Babe Herman in six. He retired and lives in New York.

Thomas Longeran, New London, Conn.

Q.—I wagered with a Navy pal that Joe Louis has held the title longer than any other fighter in any division. He disputes that point. Will you kindly tell us who held the title longest in each division?

A.—Flyweight—Jimmy Wilde, 6 years and 6 months.

Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz, 4 years and 5 months.

Featherweight—Johnny Kilbane, 11 years and 3½ months, the longest in any division.

Lightweight—Benny Leonard, 7 years and 7½ months.

Welterweight—Freddie Cochrane, 4 years and 6 months.

Middleweight—Tony Zale, 5 years and 8 months.

Light-heavyweight—Gus Lesnevich, won title on May 22, 1941, and still holds it.

Heavyweight—Joe Louis, 11 years and four days. Now retired.

Rodney Ham, Springfield, Maine

Q: Whom did Robinson get the welterweight title from and did he win on a knockout?

A: Upon Marty Servo's retirement, Ray Robinson was recognized as the logical claimant to the title. Tommy Bell was the only one of leading welterweights to dispute Robinson's claim, so match between Robinson and Bell in Madison Square Garden, December 20, 1946, was officially sanctioned by National Boxing Association and New York State Athletic Commission as for the vacant championship. Robinson won the decision in 15 rounds.

Suggest that you purchase Nat Fleischer's 1948 Record book which will give you all information on the champions in each division. Price $6.00.

William Leeder, Brockville, Ontario, Canada

Q: 1. What is Willie Pep's real name? 2. What has happened to Willie Joyce? 3. When and who did Joyce fight last?

A: 1. William Papaleo. 2. Joyce retired in 1947. 3. Mar. 24, 1947, he fought Johnny Cesario at Boston, losing the decision in ten rounds.

Ronald Pusko, Schenectady, New York

Q: Who was the first American Champion?

A: Jacob Hyer. He defeated Tom Beasley in 1816 for the American championship.

I. C. Frederick, Bethlehem, Pa.

Q.—In a recent discussion at a luncheon, a dispute arose regarding the referee of the Jeffries-Johnson fight in 1910 at Reno, Nev. Who officiated?

A.—Tex Rickard was the third man in the ring.

Arthur Sandburg, Buena Park, Calif.

Q.—Did Frank Moran, now of the movies, and Jess Willard ever fight each other? If so, when and where?

A.—Yes, in 1916 in the old Garden. It was a ten-round no-decision bout, but Willard had the better of the milling.

Pat David, Philadelphia, Pa.

Q.—Where was John L. Sullivan born? Where was Jack Dempsey born?

A.—Sullivan was born in Abington, Mass., and Dempsey at Manassa, Colorado.

John McQuillar, St. Louis, Mo.

Q.—When Bob Pastor fought Booker Beckwith, did he score any knockdowns?

A.—Yes, two. He scored one in the sixth round for a count of nine and again in the seventh for a count of eight.

A Reader

Q.—What has happened to Tom Sharkey, Spike Sullivan and Peter Maher?

A.—Sharkey, who is 76, lives in California. He works at odd jobs. Sullivan and Maher are dead.

Q.—Was Tony Janiro knocked down in his fight with Jake LaMotta?

A.—Yes, in the tenth round.

Izzy Cohen, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q.—(1) Who did Bob Montgomery fight in the War Bond Benefit in the Garden? (2) Who won? (3) What were the receipts?

A.—(1) Beau Jack on August 4, 1944. (2) Beau Jack won in 10 rounds. (3) No tickets were sold, only war bonds—a total of $35,000,000.

John Graves, Providence, R. I.

Q.—How many times did Jake LaMotta fight Ray Robinson? What is the nationality of LaMotta?

A.—LaMotta and Robinson fought five times with Ray taking four of the bouts by decision and LaMotta winning the other also by decision. LaMotta is Italian-Jewish.

E. S. F., Denver, Colorado

Q.—What was the nationality of Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy? Was McCoy recognized as the welterweight or middleweight champion?

A.—Ryan was half French and half English. McCoy was half English and half Scotch. McCoy held the Middleweight title.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

IF Jackie McCoy hadn't read the newspapers, he might have beaten Luis Castillo instead of dropping a close decision to Mexico's Pocket Battleship at the Hollywood Stadium. Local sport scribes harped on McCoy's having been stopped twice and doubted that the Irish lad's chin could withstand Castillo's heavy artillery. Apparently these press forecasts impressed McCoy, for Jackie's tactics in the early rounds were too much on the safety-first side.

Although McCoy stabbed Castillo often and made the Mexican Dempsey look bad at times, Luis was ahead at the end of the sixth, having piled up a lead with a body attack. In the seventh, Castillo nailed McCoy with a terrific right to the jaw which caused Jackie to sag and Luis rushed in for the kill. He pounded McCoy for a full minute with powerhouse blows, but the slender Irishman didn't go down; in fact, after weathering this heavy bombardment, McCoy finished the round the fresher of the two.

This apparently convinced McCoy, as well as ringsiders, that he could take Castillo's hardest blows and Jackie carried the fight to his husky foe much of the time in the remaining rounds, copping all three frames. Jackie really dished it out in the ninth, rocking Castillo to his heels numerous times. Referee Mushy Callahan voted for McCoy, while both judges favored Castillo, one judge by only a single point. It was that close; in fact, a draw would have been no injustice and there was considerable booing of the verdict. Castillo weighed 120, McCoy 121.

In the semi, Johnny Duke, 157, Seattle Negro, decisioned Johnny Meyers, 156, Los Angeles, in an uninteresting six-rounder.

In the four-rounders: A sizzling setto between Jay Caldwell, 160, and Roy Daniels, 159, was declared a draw, although Caldwell won three of the heats; Al Smith, 142, nodded Frank Gutierrez, 143; Willie Wilkerson, 176, defeated Enoch Lee, 169; Joe Perez, 138, bested Sammy Zellman, 132.

It is tough to lose by a knockout in the last minute of a fight, but Chuck Cureton, 138, Los Angeles Negro, was being so badly pummeled by Charley Salas, 145, Phoenix (Ariz.) Mexican, in the tenth round of their clash at the Ocean Park Arena that Referee Reg Gilmore felt duty-bound to halt it.

Salas had copped every heat from the third round on and Cureton was thoroughly beaten and bleeding from an eye wound when the bout was stopped. Salas had also floored Chuck for an eight-count in the seventh.

In other bout, Rodney Jones, 168, K.O.'ed Dick Findley, 166, in the third round of the semi; George Holmes, 163, iced Eddie Seale, 159, in two; Manuel Madrid, 134, whipped Danny Jordan, 138, in a four; Gene Morris, 125, decisioned Felix Ayala, 128, in four; Billy Mayo, 131, nodded Sammy Zelman, 132.

Maxie Docusen, New Orleans Filipino, made it three straight over Buddy Jacklich, San Francisco Slav, in a none-too-interesting ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Docusen was so much off the beam that if Jacklich had been as formidable as in their other clashes, Buddy would have handed Maxie his first setback. But Jacklich, too, was bad on this night, so the New Orleans boy kept his undefeated record intact.

Docusen was sluggish and his timing was off. Jacklich forced the milling; that is, he continually moved forward, but did little punching. When Buddy did put on any real offensive, he had the better of it, but such assaults were made in only three of the rounds. Maxie's boxing improved a bit in the late rounds and he won by a good margin. This writer credited Docusen with six rounds, gave Jacklich three, and tabbed one even. Each weight 132.

In the semi, Mike Angustain, 159, and Joe Hartfield, 163, stirred up the smoke for over four rounds, their scuffle being halted in the fifth and declared a draw when Angustain received a gashed eye from a butt. Both swung like gates. Hartfield deliberately clowned. Angustain did almost as well—seriously.

Other results: Joe Disoso, 129, whipped Felix Ayala, 132, in a four-round slugfest, the only exciting fight of the night; Henry Roberts, 144, stopped Flash Gordon, 146, in the third; Al Timmons, 175, beat Willie Wilkerson, 179, in a four; Gil Napier, 130, K.O.'ed Bee Jiminez, 127 (one of those who should hang up the gloves), in the first round of the opener.

One of the 57 things that makes compiling boxing records such a tough job is the practice of boxers assuming aliases. A good example as to what extent this practice is indulged in is a recent bout between Joey Dell and Joey Costa. Dell, who has also boxed under the name of Billy Marcus, is really Joey Wasnick. Costa, also known as Joe Monty, is really Joey Monteiro. The reason for their changing of names is obvious—their records being that bad.

Here was a contest between two boxers who have fought under six different names. However, it is the boxing commissions who should be the most criticized for this abuse to boxing. In this case, Tom Ephrem, "The Ring" correspondent for the Southern States, exposed these two boxers, which certainly should have ended their masquerade—if not their careers. But apparently the boxing commission of Florida was not interested, as the above mentioned boxers continued to perform under their assumed names.

Why must we have politicians as our boxing officials?

If fighters could and always would use their head—which most always means follow instructions—many would have been declared winner of fights they lost. Bobby Castro, Los Angeles Mexican, forced the milling in three of the rounds of his bout with Milo Savage, Seattle Negro, at Hollywood Stadium. Castro moved in with stiff left jabs and followed through with solid right crosses. He won those three rounds.

In seven of the rounds, Castro allowed Savage to take the offensive and Bobby lost all seven heats. Milo came in with long rights to the head which put Castro off balance and forced him to retreat. The Seattle socker also planted some solid lefts to Bobby's bread-basket. Castro hurt Savage with hard rights to the jaw in the ninth, but it was the Negro clouter who scored the only knockdowns.

During a furious exchange in the seventh, Savage first spilled Castro with an overhand right which landed on the back of the neck. Bobby arose immediately and rocked Savage to his heels, but a minute later Milo dumped Castro on the seat of his pants with a left hook to the chin. Savage weighed 158, Castro 160.

In the semi, Felix Bueno, 132, San Jose, won handily over Jess Salazar, 135, Los Angeles. Bueno copped every round and decked Salazar for a one-count in the third.

In four-rounders, Baby Sal, 141, laced Freddie Garcia, 145; Willie Wilkerson, 175, iced Ed Chapman, 170, in the first; Art Brown, 161, decisioned George Holmes, 162; Ruben Garcia, 132, won by T.K.O. over Freddie Herrera, 130, in the third, due to an eye injury.

Some guys carry a rabbit's foot, some press a four-leaf clover, while others hang horseshoes over the door. But Arturo Barron, Los Angeles Mexican, possesses the best good-luck charm, especially for one in his game. It is a hefty wallop. It has turned defeat into victory on numerous occasions.

After dropping four straight rounds and looking the part of a certain loser to Vic Grupico, San Francisco Italian, in a bout at Ocean Park Arena, Barron belted Grupico out in the fifth. Arturo staggered the Frisco southpaw with a left hook to the jaw, then battered him through the ropes with a two-fisted onslaught. Shortly after, Grupico was felled for another nine-count, and Vic was on the ropes in a dazed condition when the bout was halted and awarded to Barron.

In supporting bouts, all four-rounders, Rodney Jones, 167, defeated Enoch Lee, 172; Billy Corbett, 155, won over Tommy Lee, 159; Bob Terrance, 137, nodded Butch Maxwell, 133; Lawrence Brown, 148, decisioned Tello Cruz, 144; Ruben Garcia, 131, bested Sammy Zelman, 132.

If "all I know is what I read in the papers," Turkey Thompson whipped Tony Bosnich in a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, and in doing it, looked much better than in his previous start. I would like to believe that, for I was pulling for Turkey. But I was there (and I, too, make notes of the action) and I didn't see Thompson as the winner, or looking any better than he did in his previous bout.

Bosnich has never been accused of being a good boxer, but he really looked like one against Thompson. Although Bosnich retreated much of the time and was the recipient of some heavy blows, the San Francisco Slav outboxed Turkey most of the way to rate at least a draw. Thompson spilled Tony for a short count in the third and nearly put him through the ropes with a body attack in the seventh. However, Bosnich, too, landed some telling blows, rocking Turkey back on his heels numerous times.

But, dear reader, don't let me mislead you, it was neither a fast or exciting scrap. It bordered on slow-motion in the late rounds, in fact, Turkey started to tire as early as the fourth round and was too fagged out to do anything in the final frame. They are heavyweights, y'know. Thompson weighed 214, Bosnich, 192.

In the semi, Richard Jones, 146, Los Angeles Negro, belted out Dick Lee, 148, Miami, in the third round. Lee was too slow and too open for the Negro puncher.

In the prelims, all four-rounders, Roosevelt Bonner, 126, was awarded an undeserved decision over Chuck Wilkerson, 124; Henry Roberts, 145, nodded Babe Huerta, 143; Al Smith, 142, bested Harold Jordan, 138; Dave Gallardo, 123, a good little Model T, banged up Cadillac Clemonds, 128, in the opener.

Commissioner Joe E. Brown rightly states that "boxing is a form of show business". And I am also in accord with his "backstage efficiency" idea (keeping all non-competing persons out of the dressing rooms, etc.) but it peeves a RING representative to be regarded as one of those who have no business "backstage". What other man has made California boxing more his business (especially for the improvement of it) than your RING correspondent?

Bob Murphy hammered out a bloody victory over Frankie Angustain in one of the wildest battles seen in the San Diego Coliseum in years. It lasted less than four rounds, but few ten-rounders pack half as many thrills. They started punching with the opening bell and kept it up after the gong had ended the first heat. Both were staggered and bleeding from eye cuts in the second. Angustain was on the floor when the bell ended the third.

Murphy dropped the Mexican gamester early in the fourth. Angustain rose at the count of nine, but was floored again. Frankie was attempting to regain his feet, but was in such bad shape that Referee Lee Ramage stopped counting and raised Murphy's bloody glove.

Other results: Billy Herrera K.O.'ed Chivo Amador in the third round of the semi; Jay Caldwell chilled Al Hernandez in the fifth; Gene Morris stopped Pedro Montel in three; Manuel Madrid beat Lee Walker in a four.

After seven rounds of furious fighting, Lauro Salas, perpetual-punching Mexican of Monterey, was declared a T.K.O. victor over Bobby Jackson, transplanted Coloradoan, at Hollywood Stadium. Salas had a slight lead when the bout was stopped, but the go was halted and the defeat of Jackson was for the same reason that so many of Bobby's contests have ended thusly—cuts.

They were even at the end of fourth, but one of Jackson's eye-cuts had been opened. Bobby had an edge in the fifth. Salas copped the sixth and Jackson was dripping blood from the other eyebrow at the end of this heat. Sensing his oft-timed experience, Jackson came out winging in the seventh and the crowd was treated to some good old-fashioned slugging, for the Mexican machine gun met bombasting Bobby more than half way.

Jackson was gushing blood at the end of this sizzling stanza and the contest was declared over. Salas weighed 127, Jackson, 130.

In the semi: Ray Dioses, 159, pounded out a close decision over Chick Musgrove, 160, battling blond of San Diego. It was six rounds of give-and-take, with Dioses' stronger finsh getting him the nod.

In the prelims: Ricardo Minjarez, 120, outpointed Benny Chavez, 117, in four; Tommy Vargas, 136, beat Ray Sandoval, 136, in a four; Georgie Mendoza, 129, iced Gene Morris, 126, in the first round; Ruben Garcia, 122, stopped Billy Mayo, 130, in the second.

Any time one of the contestants is a southpaw, the fight may turn out to be a dud, but when both fighters are portsiders, a good scrap is almost certain. Nick Diaz, 134, Los Angeles Mexican, and Pee Wee Swingler, 131, Youngstown Negro, are two hard-hitting southpaws, so Ocean Park fans witnessed a lively encounter when these two crossed gloves.

Diaz floored Swingler with the first solid punch of the fight, but Pee Wee was up without taking a count. Swingler swarmed all over Diaz in the eighth, but Nick was ahead in most the rounds and received the nod.

In supporting bouts: Tommy Vargas, 136, decisioned Ray Sandoval, 136, four; Bee Jiminez, 127, stopped Felix Ayala, 129, in the third; Billy Corbett, 156, K.O.'ed Quatie Lopez, 160, one; Art Brown, 159, disposed of Tommy Lee, 160, three; Dave Gallardo, 122, bested Willie Clemonds, 126, four.

For a few rounds it appeared as though Torito Ramos, Tijuana, was to repeat his win over Paulino Montes, Hermosillo, in their setto at the Los Angeles Olympic. (Ramos had won over Montes down at the Border a few months before.) Ramos, a mean man when in close, belted Paulino lustily in the early rounds, but slowed down at the end of the fourth and Montes punished him severely during the fifth and sixth.

Ramos came back like a Torito (Little Bull) in the seventh to force Paulino about the ring and again go into the lead. But that was Torito's last stand. Montes turned on the heat to punch out wide margins over his tiring foe in the three remaining rounds. Paulino's fast finish was impressive, but as a whole, his performance fell far short of the other fights that he has made here. The decision to him was unanimous. Each weighed 136.

In the semi: Irvin Steen, 144, San Diego Negro, found Bobby Garcia, 142, Baltimore, a soft touch and knocked the rangy Mexican down every time he caught up with him. Garcia was floored three times before the one-side affair was halted in the fourth.

Other results: Flash Gordon, 147, was awarded a T.K.O. win over Baby Sal, via the cut-eye route, in the second round; Al Smith, 141, stopped Johnny Camarata, 144, in two; Johnny Curtis, 187, outslugged Willie Wilkerson, 179, in a four; Art Brown, 157, decisioned Billy Corbett, 155, in four.

A good fighter, Jerry McSwain, must be matched right to show at his best. The handsome Irishman has engaged in some thrilling scraps, but has also performed in some dull bouts. His go with Dale Hall, Los Angeles Negro, at the San Diego Coliseum, was one those ho-hum affairs.

Hall, a good defensive boxer, was content to

remain just that. Dale tossed a few punches in the first and sixth rounds, but loafed in all the other heats. McSwain staggered Hall in the seventh and closed his right eye in the final round. The decision to Jerry was unanimous, but his win was unimpressive, having been won with too little effort. Each weighed 190.

Other results: Dick Lee, 150, won by T.K.O. over Henry Yeargin, 150, when the latter was forced to retire because of a cut eye, two; Gil Napier, 130, iced Pete Louis, 133, one; Rocky Corkins, 150, defeated Eddie Sparks, 157, four; Jose Lopez, 121, K.O.'ed Pedro Montel, 117, one.

Matchmaker Bobby Jackson was beginning to get the knack of the matching of fighters. In pitting Willie Bean against Francisco (Pancho) De La Cruz, Jackson gave Hollywood Stadium fans a whale of a fight. Bean, a Negro giant, won the unanimous decision over Cruz, rolypoly Mexican, by handing Pancho a severe drubbing in the late rounds, but only after he, himself, had weathered some rough going.

Cruz's best round was the third, in which he flattened Bean for a nine-count. Pancho also copped the fourth, but this was the last round credited to him. Willie buckled the Mexican's knees with blows to the stomach in the seventh and dealt out heavy body punishment in the following rounds, but Cruz walked right back in for more. Bean's big round was the 10th, in which the muscular Negro unleashed a savage attack and had his fleshy foe limp at the finish. Bean weighed 203, Cruz, 243.

In the semi: Bert Mendoza, 160, decisioned Johnny Gardea, 161, in six hard fought rounds. Each scored no-count knockdowns. Menoza finished best.

In the prelims: Rudy Vasquez, 127, surprised in stopping Georgie Mendoza, 126, in two; Manuel Madrid, 134, decisioned Jess Bojorquez, 135, in a four; Johnny Clark, 127, K.O.'ed Tommy Vargas, 127, in the third; Speedy Navarro, 144, and Frank Gutierrez, 145, drew in four.

You never can tell! Two exhibitionists met at Ocean Park Arena in what figured to be ten rounds of scientific stuff, with some unethical tactics tossed in just to break the monotony. Instead, it turned out to be a punishing party, albeit a short and one-sided one. The contestants were Cecil Schoonmaker, 117, sepia-hued cutie of New York, and Jorge Sanchez, 121, a temperamental Latin of Cuba.

It seems that Schoonmaker was in no mood for either waltzing or flirting on this night and he started working Sanchez over immediately. After outclassing the Cuban for three rounds, Cecil backed Sanchez into the ropes in the fourth and dropped him with a right. Jorge was bleeding from a gashed eye when he arose and Referee Frankie Van sent him to the hemstitching department.

In supporting bouts: Rodney Jones, 165, iced Leroy Burleson, 158, in the third round of the semi; Joe Disoso, 129, beat Bee Jiminez, 126, in four; Tommy Lee James, 146, decisioned Charles Adams, 147, in a four; Butch Maxwell, 132, outpointed Ruben Garcia, 132; Bob Terrance nodded Johnny Turner.

The good-looking Mario Trigo has long been popular with the ladies, but we didn't know who his best "girl friend" was until after Mario had been awarded the nod over Fabela Chavez at the Los Angeles Olympic. She is Lady Luck. A draw would have been giving Trigo the edge, for, although not as sharp as of other days, Chavez had the better of this fight.

It was an action-packed contest, first one, then the other being in the driver's seat. In one round, Trigo would be belting Chavez at will and Fabela seemed about to go down. In the next frame, Chavez would rock Trigo to his heels and Mario appeared to be looking for an exit. Trigo, trailing far behind, looked a K.O. winner in the ninth when he folded Chavez up with a blow to the solar-plexus and then pounded him for a full minute.

Trigo was dead tired in the tenth and Fabela came back to win this heat, which gave Chavez six rounds to Trigo's four on our scorecard. However, the decision was unanimous and as this writer considers Mushy Callahan and Frankie Van two of our most capable judges, I would have regarded myself as somewhat cock-eyed, if a few thousand fans had not loudly booed the verdict. Trigo weighed 135, Chavez, 134.

In the six-round semi, Chuck Cureton, 136, punched out a decisive win over Lou Fillipo, 135, proving too ringwise for the Italian gamester. Fillipo won one round, the sixth, when Cureton tired.

In the four-rounders: Joe Disoso, 129, New Orleans, whipped Sammy Zelman, 131; John Curtis, 187, Corpus Christi, Tex., decisioned Jim Lee, 199; Al Timmons, 176, Cleveland, bested Willie Wilkerson, 178; J. J. Cracknell, 151, won over Lawrence Brown, 150.

To save valuable RING space, the writer has not answered any correspondence in this column in over a year. The reason for the exception made below is because the inquiry is one that has been asked of me numerous times by boxing fans of the British Isles.

To A. J. Little, Wellington College, Berks, Eng. Yes, we have some good flyweights on this continent, but not of the Villa, LaBarba or Genaro ability. I believe either Monito Flores of Mexico, or Luis Fuentes of Cuba, are as good as Dado Marino and compare with the best of the British or European flyweights.

Frankly, I have long been of the opinion that the foreign flyweights are greatly overrated and I believe that Alfredo Chavez and Cecil Schoonmaker, two California boxers, just about proved it during recent months.

A Golden Glove to BERT COLIMA

No other boxer in the past thirty years has meant so much to California boxing as has Bert Colima. No other Mexican fighter in history has been so idolized by his countrymen. Even to this day, nearly 25 years after his peak of popularity, the Mexican people of Los Angeles hold an annual holiday in his honor. To what other boxers is such a tribute being paid?

And Bert Colima rates all this and more. For, he was not only a great boxer, he is also a grand person. As a hero of the ring, Colima was everything a connoisseur of the manly art could ask for. He was beautifully built, handsome and rhythmic in movement. He was cool, a superbly defensive boxer, a sharpshooter with a punch.

As a man, he is everything his fellowmen could ask of him, being a good neighbor, a fine citizen, a wonderful father and a real American. He is kind, soft-spoken, intelligent and a man who devotes much of his time to the welfare of others. For the past six years Colima has done social work in the Mexican neighborhoods of Los Angeles.

He appears at playgrounds and visits Catholic centers throughout the city, where he acts as counsellor, as well as physical instructor. Officials of the C.Y.O. tell of Colima's wonderful influence on the youngsters and give him much credit for what has been accomplished in curtailing juvenile delinquency among the Mexican youth.

As to his accomplishments in the ring, Colima never won a world's championship (many of our greatest boxers did not win titles) but he fought the best in the country at that time. And he was a champion of Mexico, as well as being the best man in California at his weight. Among the greats whom Colima met were Mickey Walker, Jack Delaney, Dave Shade, Ace Hudkins, Joe Dundee, Dave Rosenberg, Marty Farrell, Joe Anderson and Jack Willis.

Colima was born as Ephram Romero, on September 8, 1902, at Santa Fe Springs, Calif. He started boxing at the age of 16 and engaged in his last bout at the age of 30. He appears much younger than a man of 45 and doesn't have a noticeable scar to show for his 14 years in the ring. For the past ten years he has been employed in the Department of Power and Light.

Although it was nearly 30 years ago that the first "Geev it to heem, Co-lee-ma!" encouragement was screamed, the expression is still occasionally heard at Los Angeles' boxing arena, which is just another form of tribute to this Mexican boxer. All who can call him friend, are proud—this writer is one of those.

LEST I FORGET—Hollywood Stadium has a new matchmaker. Bobby Jackson tossed in the sponge and Henry (Baron) Von Stumme has been appointed to the post. Under normal circumstances, the Movie City club is a soft job for an experienced matchmaker, but the Baron is not taking over under normal circumstances . . . Ray Coffin, New England RING columnist, fascinates me with the titles he pins on some of the boxers. For instance, he describes Vic Young, as "The Little Brown Jug" and refers to Ralph Zannelli as "Old Rockin' Chair"! Pretty good, eh? . . . Best looking prospects in preliminary ranks in recent weeks are Bobby Why, Jay Caldwell, Rudy Vasquez and Dave Gallardo . . . Boxing receipts have taken a big slump out here in recent months, just as they have in most parts of the country long before this. It will be quiet all summer . . . Not all the guys with odd names are barbers, butchers or baritones. Many of our boxers are labeled with some difficult monikers. We have Arquimides Yiyac, Ziggy Kupfersberg, Mustapha Mustaphaoui, Louis Skryobarczyk, etc. . . . Willie Bean, Los Angeles Negro heavy, who looked so good in the amateurs, then faded, again appears to be going somewhere . . . In quitting the post of matchmaker of San Diego Soliseum, Grady Skelton said it was "impossible to make matches under the dictatorial conditions that he was subjected to by the Los Angeles office of the Athletic Commission." . . . A thought between rounds: What is the descent of Jackie O'Cohen, a boxer of Cincinnati? . . . Too bad that Bobby Jackson became sick of his job just at the time he seemed to have learned how. The last four matches he made for Hollywood Stadium—Castillo-McCoy, Savage-Castro, Salas-Jackson, Bean-Cruz—were all good fights . . . Jackie Paterson of Glasgow, the British bantamweight champion, spent a week in Los Angeles. He was to remain here for six months—a world title fight with Ortiz was in prospect—but he suddenly became homesick and returned to Scotland.

California boxers chalked up some dandy wins in recent weeks. Of special importance was Harold Dade's victory over Charley Riley at Chicago; Baby Gonzales' K.O. over Humberto Sierra in New Orleans; Archie Moore's triumph over Jimmy Bivins at Baltimore; Jess Flores' win over Johnny Williams at New York; Rusty Payne's K.O. of Sid Peaks at Pittsburgh . . . Of course, Rudy Cruz's loss to Eddie Giosa at New Orleans, and Billy Smith's knockout at the hands of Bob Satterfield in Chicago (you would have to bring those up!) weren't so good.

For over thirty years the boxing gloves used in most all the championship bouts were made by Sol Levinson of San Francisco. And the best gloves made today and used by all Pacific Coast boxers are still made in San Francisco, but the man now turning out these leather masterpieces is Ray Flores.

I would advise any manager or boxer contemplating a trip to the Coast, to wait until fall to do so. A trip to California at this time—if for work—might prove a headache.

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LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

TONY PETRONELLA was given a banquet by his many friends. Mayor Dennis J. Roberts and Denny Meyers were two of the many speakers . . . Matty Norton, New England's outstanding second, deserves much credit for his handling of Roy Andrews in his bout with Jackie Weber. . . . Gene Farland, Rhode Island middleweight champion, has retired from the ring due to illness. We wish Gene a speedy recovery.

The New England Managers' Guild, headed by Dick McHale, will stage a benefit show for Gene Farland.

Outdoor boxing was staged at the Cranston Stadium by the new Arena A.C.

Nero Ferry, classy Fall River featherweight, is an excellent prospect.

Promoter Manny Almieda has leased the R.I. Auditorium until October, 1949 for boxing.

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Results of the month—Tony Falco, Middletown, Conn., beat Buddy Holderfield, Arkansas, in ten. Jerry Meklir, New York, stopped Oliver Desmarias, Manchester, N. H., in six. Steve Marcello, Providence, stopped Blaine Macomber, Bangor, Me., in two. Jackie Wilson, Quincy, Mass., stopped Lennie Trader, New Haven, in four. Nero Ferry, Fall River, stopped Johnny Best in one.

Cranston Stadium—Ernie Forte, Providence, beat Phil Burton in ten. Ernie Guisti, Arctic, R. I., knocked out Billy Murray, Boston, in six. Johnny Larusso, New York, beat Tony Riccio, Boston, in ten. Rocky De Ciantis, Providence, knocked out Don Bridgefourth, Norwalk, Conn., in one.

R. I. Auditorium—Jackie Weber, Pawtucket, lost a disputed split decision to Roy Andrews, Lowell, Mass., in ten rounds.

R. I. Auditorium—Teddy Redtop Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y., beat Johnny Larusso, New York, in ten.

AROUND SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

By TOMMY McNAMARA

SEATTLE boxing fans were treated to a glimpse of the past with Jack Dempsey and Jack Kearns in the same ring. Larry Scheer engaged Dempsey to referee the ten-round bout between Bill Peterson and Joe Maxim. Kearns' heavyweight contender. Some fans thought Big Bill might upset the lighter Maxim and thus become a leading contender for the title. The crowd, as well as Peterson, were soon convinced that Maxim is the best boxer in the heavyweight division. An efficient left jab and excellent foot work gave Maxim the unanimous decision.

In the semi-windup Joe Pyle K.O.'ed tough Charlie O'Kelly in five. O'Kelly seemed a certain winner in the early rounds, but apparently tired and was tagged by the stiff punching Joe Pyle.

In the six-round special Eddie Cotton T.K.O.'ed Roy Wouters in five. Many observers insist that Cotton is the most improved boxer and puncher in the Northwest.

The preliminaries saw Eddie Helm win a hard fought decision over Carl Arakaki in four, and Tommy Burns T.K.O.'ed Jack Neidt in two.

This reporter and most of the fans are wondering when they will see one of the several naturals in the welterweight division. There is much demand for a return bout between Buford Ransome and the flashy switch hitter, Phil Sampson. Billy Tierney is anxious for a bout with Ransome or Sampson.

Boxers are assured plenty of work in the Northwest with active promotion in Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Portland and several of the smaller cities.

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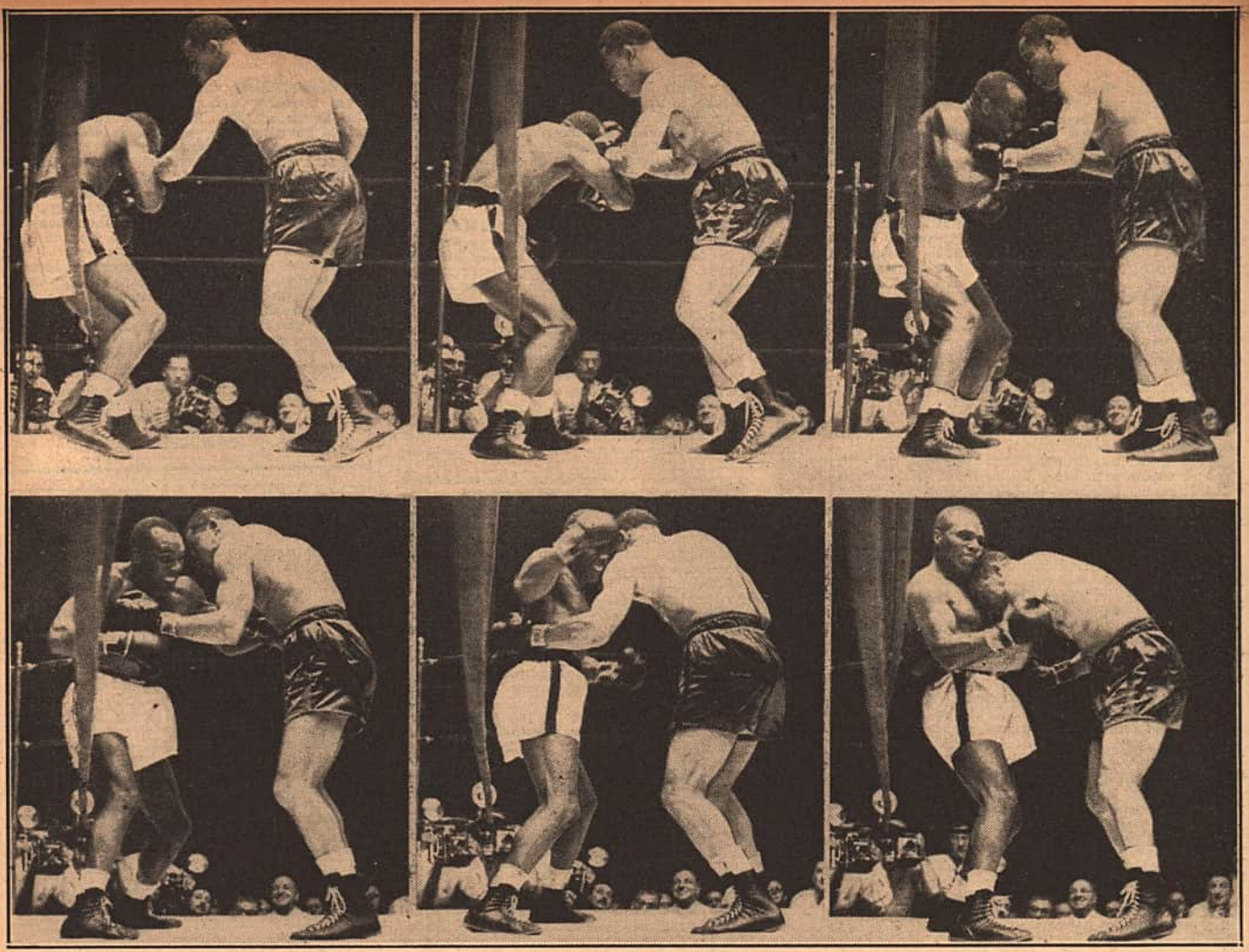

The fourth round flurry in which Joe Louis was the aggressor for the first time in the return mill with Jersey Joe Walcott at the Yankee Stadium. Louis is seen backing Walcott against the ropes and banging away with both hands to the body. Walcott tried desperately to get away, but was finally forced to resort to holding in order to avoid further punishment.

RETURN BOUT STARS

By "THE RING EDITOR"

ONE of the legendary tales of the ring concerns the hapless Negro second-rater who found himself in the same ring with the great Joe Gans. As the gong sounded, the old master slithered from his corner as menacing as the approach of doom to his terror-stricken foe. He feinted once or twice, then shot a deadly right that grazed his victim's chin by a whisker. Panic stricken, the boxer went into reverse and wildly circled the ring. As he fled past his corner, eyes popping, he implored his second, "Throw in 'at towel, boy, 'cause ah know ah won't be around this way again!"

Like the doomed party of this fabled tale, those few of Champion Joe Louis' opponents who managed to survive the route against the champion, were never able to hear that final gong again. Jersey Joe Walcott was the latest victim.

Even as Gans' foe survived his first encirclement of the ring, so did Bob Pastor, Max Schmeling, Natie Brown, Arturo Godoy and Jersey Joe Walcott finish their first engagements with the champion on their feet. Schmeling did much more than this. In his case it was the Bomber who never heard the final gong. But what happened to the Black Uhlan that second time around, was something terrible to behold! Likewise what happened to Walcott after the Brown Bomber's fists located the target in the eleventh round.

Ever ready to hail signs of deterioration in the fabric of a masterpiece, many were sure they detected such signs in the matchless Louis when rugged Arturo Godoy squatted, wrestled, mauled, clowned, hugged, rumbaed, and osculated through 15 armomatic rounds with a slightly bored Louis. The same can be said of Walcott as he back pedaled, ran, walked and went in reverse in most of the rounds in the first battle with the champion. In that fantastic fandango, Louis gave the impression of being tired of it all. He said he had an off-night that even the mighty Joe occasionally suffers, but the experts jumped to the conclusion that the champion had wearied of his title and was ripe for picking. Hence Walcott had an army of backers when the return engagement was fought.

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AMONG other things, the result of Joe's second joust with Walcott at least convinced the last Doubting Thomas that as a repeat performer, the tawny terror has never had an equal among champions.

Putting Louis ahead of such expert repeaters as Jimmy McLarnin, Benny Leonard, Tony Canzoneri, Billy Conn and Lou Ambers, is taking in a lot of territory, but the Bomber battled just one thousand per cent as far as second tries go, and this being perfect, can't be beaten.

For the first demonstration of how well Joe profited by past experience, let us drift back in the Louis career to a winter's night in Chicago's Stadium, where Joe Louis, then an up and coming heavyweight, was boxing clever Lee Ramage. For five

rounds, young Joe was a perfect foil for the handsome Californian, who kept a shaky left in the Louis kisser almost continually. But the wizardly Westerner wasn't quite strong enough to get past a thunder hitter of Joe's stature and was nailed in the eighth round and was knocked out, but only after handling Louis as a master does a pupil for the first seven rounds.

Ramage's performance rated another try and a few months later in California he was back in there again with the Bomber. That time Lee's cleverness was of no avail. He was like a feather duster before a runaway locomotive, and he was blasted out of the picture in less than two rounds. Few realized at the time that Louis was setting the style for taking care of those return engagements in which he subsequently figured and to which he adhered strictly through the recent Walcott fight.

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BEFORE a galaxy of visiting firemen who had come in from all over the country to inspect him, three weeks later Joe Louis faced Natie Brown in Detroit and the tough, canny old Washingtonian befuddled Joe sufficiently by the elemental procedure of simply sticking his head outside the ropes at every opportunity, and lasting ten rounds. That was on March 28, 1935. But this style didn't work two years later in Kansas City, however, when Brown was just another name on Joe's kayo list after four one-sided rounds. In this, their second engagement, Brown was kayoed.

Bob Pastor earned himself a niche in Boxing's Hall of Fame, as well as the somewhat unenviable cognomen of Bicycle Bob, when he pirouetted and back pedaled through ten heats with Louis in Madison Square Garden on January 27, 1937. Bob's route-going feat, ballooned to no mean proportions by the strength of voluble James J. Johnston's vocal chords, eventually led the ex-rah-hah lad to the day of a return bout reckoning two years later.

In all justice to Pastor, his tactics of the second bout, while not as successful, were much more honorable and did much to dispel the nickname of Runaway Robert that had become attached to him after his first go with Louis. Bob made a valiant attempt to win the crown the second time before succumbing in the eleventh round, thereby keeping Joe's string of second time triumphs intact.

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THE direst fate of all was reserved for Max Schmeling who was victor over Louis in what is usually called the "greatest upset of all time" in 1936. The first time Max kayoed Joe, but when they met again on June 22, 1938, the German ended up in the hospital after the full force of an aroused Louis had been spilled upon him like the angry waters of a tidal wave. Louis required less than a round to score his greatest triumph in 2.04. In the minds of many, this is the fight that really established Louis' greatness as a fighter. All the pent up force of Louis' smouldering aroused emotions exploded in his second contest with Schmeling.

Louis' efficiency in return engagements may be attributed to a sort of brooding over what he regarded as a reflection on his ability following any appearance in which he failed to score a swift shattering victory, especially as following the first tilt with Joe Walcott. This brooding awakened latent fires in the Bomber's somber nature, and the result has always been catastrophic for his luckless rival in that second try, even though at times, as in the Yankee Stadium mill with Walcott recently, he bided his time before cutting loose for the "kill."

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ARTURO GODOY suffered this sad experience after he made Louis look like a monkey in their initial engagement. It was fairly obvious to everyone that Joe did not relish by any means the grotesque caperings of the South American in the first bout.

"That Godoy, he didn't fight," grumbled Louis after the Garden travesty and woe betide the Louis foe of who Joe accuses thusly. Godoy, Buddy Baer, Bob Pastor and Walcott can testify to that. Louis had plenty of respect for those who attempted to whip him in stand-up fashion but not those who dogged it.

"That fat Lil Galento, he crouched but he did plenty of punching too, and Pastor, the second time was all right," said Louis on commenting on his return bouts, "but that Godoy and Walcott—well, they just didn't fight." Joe relied upon his fists to finish off that sentence.

Billy Conn rose to great heights on the night of June 28, 1941, at the Polo Grounds when for twelve rounds he clearly outpointed Joe Louis and was well on his way to becoming the new champion. However, Conn wanted the title on a knockout and in the thirteenth he went after Louis. The Bomber was just waiting for that one over-anxious moment on the part of the challenger and getting it he sent Billy to the canvas for the count.

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A REMATCH was surely in order but a war intervened and Joe and Billy had to wait five years to get together in a ring again. Louis seemed to be his old self and perhaps remembering that Conn was the man who had almost taken his title from him went all-out against the challenger the second time. Conn, rusty after five years away from the ring, put on a pitiful performance in comparison to his master bid in their first meeting. Louis ended it with a knockout in the eighth round to keep his return bout record unmarred.

If Louis had a real rival for return bout effectiveness among modern boxers, this honor probably belongs to Jimmy McLarnin. The few who gave James trouble the first time around, usually met a sorry fate the next time they got in there with the baby-faced battler.

Very few among the crowd who saw handsome Sammy Mandell hand McLarnin as thorough a boxing lesson as anyone ever received believed James would ever see the day when he would be able to beat the Rockford Sheik. But behind his baby stare, and cherubic mask, McLarnin concealed as artful a fighting brain as any boxer ever possessed.

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JUST a year later, in November, 1929, McLarnin demonstrated to the satisfaction of everyone that Sammy's educated left hand, one of the best ever, was no longer a puzzle to him. He dealt out a thorough trouncing to the lightweight champion in ten rounds in Chicago, and then just to show that Mandell's mastery of him that May evening in 1928 was all a mistake, he repeated the dose against the Rockford boy a few months later.

McLarnin's ring generalship is best illustrated by Sammy's remarks following his second defeat by Jimmy. "I had no trouble with this fellow in New York the first time, because I just tied up his right hand and the rest was easy. But what does he do the second time! I come out watching the right and he almost knocks my head off with a left hook. For the rest of the fight, I never saw so many left hands in my life," explained Sammy. His tactics in the second and third Mandell fights explain why James enjoyed such conspicuous success in return engagements. A canny little warrior was McLarnin. He always knew all the answers to an opponent's style the second time he faced him.

This was true throughout the Canadian's career. The old Williamsburgh old-clothes salesman, Joe Glick, gave James one of his stormiest evenings back in 1929, but shortly after the tough Hebrew lasted just two rounds in the return match.

Billy Petrolle actually knocked out the Vancouver boy in their first meeting in the Garden, a long count saving Jim as the Fargo Express roared to a surprise decision over his highly-favored foe. Petrolle paid dearly for this in two return bouts though, as McLarnin dealt him two one-sided lickings back in 1931.

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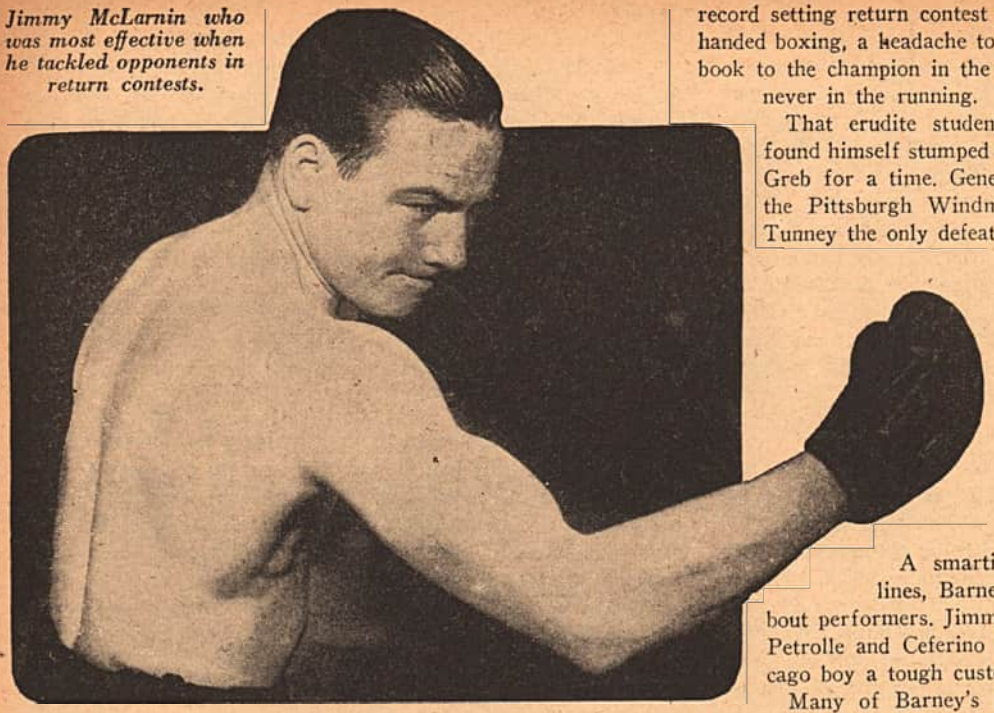
LEFT hooking Ray Miller, only man to stop Jimmy, forced the referee to call a halt to their Detroit bout, after his free wheeling lefts had cut McLarnin badly in the eighth round back in 1928.

Although the second bout was far from sensational Jimmy evened things with the Chicagoan by winning a ten-round verdict over him before a tremendous Garden crowd early in 1929.



Jimmy McLarnin who was most effective when he tackled opponents in return contests.

Tony Canzoneri, no slouch himself in those fistic encores, was another victim of McLarnin's return bout magic. This titanic pair met for the first time in Madison Square Garden on May 8, 1936, and after a rocky first round, the Italian rallied to administer one of the neatest trimmings the Irishman ever took.

The second bout was something else again. McLarnin floored Tony and coasted to an easy ten-round victory over his lighter rival.

McLarnin's impressive string of second time successes was marred unfortunately by the weight advantages Jimmy usually enjoyed in his return bouts. A hard bargainer, old Pop Foster, his manager, always wound up with a neat edge at the scales for his boy, and the lustre of McLarnin's brilliant career is somewhat dimmed because of this. Against Mandell, Petrolle, Canzoneri, and Miller, Jim enjoyed weight handicaps over his lighter rivals ranging from five to ten pounds.

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AS previously mentioned, Tony Canzoneri ranked among the best as a return bout performer. Jackie Kid Berg beat a ceaseless tattoo on Tony one evening in 1930, winning a lopsided verdict over Canzoneri in ten rounds. Jackie wound up with his nose buried in the canvas when he tried to take Tony's lightweight title, though, the following year when the Britisher was a three-round kayo victim.

Kid Chocolate was another who tried Tony twice to his regret. He made it very close and uncomfortable for the then champion, losing a narrow verdict to Canzoneri in 1931, but succumbed to a second-round knockout punch two years later.

Billy Petrolle bulled Tony out of a ten-round decision in Chicago but proved easy for Canzoneri when he made a bid for the lightweight crown in 1932.

Al Singer, enjoying one of his good nights, sped to a ten-round draw with Canzoneri back in 1928, but went down before a light left hook before Tony in the first round, two years later, dropping his title while so doing.

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THE great Benny Leonard seldom needed another try against any rival in his prime, but the few who escaped extinction the first time were usually helpless when they tried it again.

Top notch Lew Tendler gave Benny one of his roughest sessions in their first match in Jersey, only Leonard's glib tongue saving him from disaster when the Philadelphian had him in trouble a couple of times.

The peerless Leonard, one of the smartest ringmen who ever lived, had Lefty Lew all figured out when they met in the gate record setting return contest in 1923. Tendler's superlative left-handed boxing, a headache to Benny a year before, was an open book to the champion in the encore performance, and Lew was never in the running.

That erudite student of ring warfare, Gene Tunney, found himself stumped by the unorthodox problem of Harry Greb for a time. Gene was all at sea when he first met the Pittsburgh Windmill, who clawed his way to hand Tunney the only defeat Gene ever suffered. Tunney hadn't quite doped out the solution the second time they met although he was given a disputed decision. Not the man to allow any problem to stand before him and his ends for any length of time, Gene eventually found the answer to Greb's gyrations and Harry was just another fighter to Tunney in their third, fourth and fifth meetings, all three of which Tunney won.

A smartie along the Tunney and Leonard lines, Barney Ross was one of the best return bout performers. Jimmy McLarnin, Tony Canzoneri, Billy Petrolle and Ceferino Garcia all found the sad-eyed Chicago boy a tough customer in repeat performances.

Many of Barney's return battles were close and disputable, but Ross ended up with the verdicts, which is all that matters in boxing records. He beat all the good ones mentioned in return bouts. He took two out of three from McLarnin, won two close ones from Canzoneri, copped three stormy struggles from the Filipino, Garcia, and twice humbled Petrolle.

It might be imagined that Lou Ambers' eccentric style might have been solved by smart ringmen the second time they faced the Herkimer Hurricane, but this was seldom the case.

Laughing Lou's skipping, cuffing-style routine proved more baffling the second time than the first to such outstanding warriors as Tony Canzoneri, Pedro Montanez and Henry Armstrong. All of these trounced Lou in their initial engagements but the upstate New Yorker turned the tables on them the second time they met. Examination of his record shows that Lou lost only once in a return bout, a high compliment to his ability to adjust himself to an opponent's methods. Lew Jenkins stopped him the first time in three rounds to win the world's lightweight title, then in seven to force Lou into retirement.

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BILLY CONN ranks right next to Louis as an encore performer. Conn was always ready to convince any doubtful ones of his ability to repeat. When Melio Bettina, Gus Lesnevich and Fred Apostoli howled for another chance, Conn was right there to accommodate, which he did in A-1 fashion, trouncing all these worthies in more decisive fashion in return matches.

The ability of a boxer to redeem a disappointing showing with an outstanding one is one of the real tests of greatness in a boxer. In meeting this test Louis certainly qualifies as one of the best. The men whose names have been most lasting in ringdom's roll of honor are those who are remembered for their ability to rise to heights of brilliance in return bouts, and in this respect Joe Louis has no equals in the long history of boxing.

Here is a record of Louis' return bouts:

July 11, 1934	Willie Davis, Chicago	KO 3
May 3, 1935	Willie Davis, Peoria	KO 2
Dec. 14, 1934	Lee Ramage, Chicago	KO 8
Feb. 1, 1935	Lee Ramage, Los Angeles	KO 2
Mar. 28, 1935	Natie Brown, Detroit	W 10
Feb. 17, 1937	Natie Brown, Kansas City	KO 4
June 19, 1936	Max Schmeling, New York City	KO by 12
June 22, 1938	Max Schmeling, New York City	KO 1
Jan. 27, 1937	Bob Pastor, New York City	W 10
Sept. 20, 1939	Bob Pastor, Detroit	KO 11
Feb. 9, 1940	Arturo Godoy, New York City	W 15
June 20, 1940	Arturo Godoy, New York City	KO 8
Mar. 21, 1941	Abe Simon, Detroit	KO 13
Mar. 27, 1942	Abe Simon, New York City	KO 6
May 23, 1941	Buddy Baer, Washington, D. C.	W dis 7
Jan. 9, 1942	Buddy Baer, New York City	KO 1
June 18, 1941	Billy Conn, New York City	KO 13
June 19, 1946	Billy Conn, New York City	KO 8
Dec. 5, 1947	Joe Walcott, New York City	W 15
June 25, 1948	Joe Walcott, New York City	KO 11

IN INDIANA RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

ONCE MORE the world's middleweight crown is brought back to Indiana following the sensational victory by Tony Zale, the man of steel from Gary, over the former champion, Rocky Graziano. Zale was given a huge reception in his home town on returning from Newark.

Also stepping into the national spotlight is Colion Chaney, Indianapolis heavyweight, who was ranked in fourth position among the nation's leading heavyweights. Chaney gained this recognition by his triumphs over Sid Peaks, Henry Snowflakes and Lee Oma. He is topped by Joe Walcott, Jimmy Bivins and Lee Savold in last month's Ring ratings. Chaney is manager by Tom Leeper, dean of Indiana fight mentors.

Willard Reed, former Indiana heavyweight champion, has traded his boxing gloves for a policeman's night stick. Reed was recently sworn in on the police force in Indianapolis. He is 26 years old and had been boxing professionally since 1942. Reed served three and a half years in the Army, two of them overseas and attained the rank of staff sargeant in the infantry. Most spectacular of his battles in Indiana rings were with Johnny Denson (three times), Clayton Worlds, Clarence Brown and Bill Peterson.

Indianapolis fight promoter, Forrest McKinney is in search of some top-flight heavyweight talent to face Colion Chaney, fourth ranking heavyweight, for bouts in the Hoosier city. Here is a chance for someone to gain national recognition should they be able to score a win over Chaney.

Al Johnson, 166, Indianapolis, came on after a sluggish start to win a 10-round decision over Dick Smith, 165, Oklahoma City, Okla., in a headline attraction at the Sports Arena in Indianapolis. Johnson forced the milling all the way and scored knockdowns in the eighth and ninth rounds. A few weeks later Johnson was kayoed by Pat McCafferty in Chicago.

RING SCRAPS: One other boxing show besides the Johnson-Smith go was held in Indianapolis during the month. Oakland Billy Smith stopped by Bob Garner by a tko in a very exciting battle. . . . Tom Leeper has imported a promising welterweight from Mexico, his name Diego Hidelgo. . . . Archie Hindman, Bob Stranahan, Forrest McKinney, Al Farb, Stewart Donnelly and this corner were among those who journeyed to New York to see the Louis-Walcott bout.

This column welcomes boxing news, views and comments, send them along to 1325 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis 3, Ind.

RAMBLING AROUND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
By FRANK PENNINGTON

TONY CHAVEZ, veteran San Jose lightweight, lost his first bout since hitting the comeback trail when he dropped the decision to Tote Martinez of San Francisco in an all action program at San Jose's Civic Auditorium. Martinez scored a nine-count knockdown in the first round but Chavez roared back to even the score and forge slightly ahead at the end of the eighth round. Martinez finished fast to gain an edge in rounds 9 and 10 and was awarded the decision by the slight margin of two points.

Fitzy Fitzpatrick, Irish heavyweight from Los Angeles, unlimbered his heavy artillery and put Al Spalding, Oakland and Denver, away in the first round of Sacramento's weekly fistic offering. Fitzpatrick, at 177, gave away eleven pounds to his Negro opponent but had little trouble landing his lethal right.

Promoter Babe Griffin featured Felix Bueno, San Jose, and Bucky Edwards, Vallejo, in his main event at the San Jose Auditorium with Bueno winning the decision in a tame lightweight go.

The semi-windup between Javier Gutierrez, local featherweight, and Tacho Penna, Vallejo, saved the show. Gutierrez outboxed the Vallejo boy all the way to win an easy six-round decision. Willie Mayberry, 151, San Francisco, and Billy Epps, 150, Vallejo, battled to a draw in four, and Ruben Salazar, 131, San Francisco, took the decision over Billy Clark, 130, Fresno, in the four-round opener.

RINGSIDE CHATTER: "Baby Face" Eddie Chavez, San Jose amateur lightweight is one of the better prospects around the Santa Clara Valley. . . . Lloyd Marshall, former California light-heavy king is back in action and impressive with a knockout win over heavyweight Ernie Rios at Sacramento. . . . Amateur bouts are affording fans plenty of action but drawing small crowds at San Jose. . . . Tony Chavez almost upset the highly touted Zeke Lucero at San Francisco but officials voted the bout a draw. . . . Jesse Flores, Stockton's lightweight contender hopes to meet Ike Williams in a title match this year.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

THERE was no professional boxing in Denver last month. There was only one professional card held in the whole State and it is reported that the Colorado Athletic Commission gave the Promoters, Managers and fighters connected with that show such a bad time that no more shows are contemplated for there. The card held at Montrose, featured the popular hometown featherweight, Val Alvarado, in a ten round scrap with Louis (Lucky) Langley, New York. Val punched his way to a close but clean cut decision over the New Yorker.

In preliminaries Freddy Maes beat Jimmie Sullivan in six, and Freddie Dillon kayoed Harry Jackson in the first of a scheduled four-rounder.

As this writer predicted, Pistol Pete Albright was refused a renewal of his Promoter's license. There were no charges brought against him and this flimsy reason was given, "The Commission contends Albright is unfit to be a promoter." Whatever happened to the man who said, "a man is innocent until proved guilty"?

George Martinez, 112, Durango; Ernest (Red) Martinez, 118, Denver; Art Irlando, 126, Denver; Joe Fisher, 135, Pueblo; Ralph Bildstein, 147, Colorado Springs; and Tony Calvi, 175, Denver won a trip to Kansas City for the Olympic tryouts at the Elks Punch Bowl. Amos Padilla, Alamosa, was substituted for Ralph Bildstein when the team left for K. C. Joe Fisher was the only one to survive the first bout and he lost the second night to Emil Brcic of St. Louis. Both Irlando and Red Martinez lost close decisions.

At an Amateur show at Salida, Colo., Lloyd Martinez, 21-year-old boxer, died during a bout in the A. A. U. sponsored boxing tournament there. Lute Quintano and Martinez fought on even terms throughout the first two rounds but in the third Martinez walked from his corner and collapsed without being hit. He died within the hour. This was Colorado's first ring death in ten years.

Corky Gonzales, Denver featherweight, brought his wins up to twenty straight with no losses since turning pro last Summer. His latest victim was Nicky Harris, whom he KO'D in 4 rounds at Minneapolis. Joe Danos, Denver southpaw, knocked out Rocky Britoon, Waterloo, La., at Topeka, Kansas, June 22, in 49 seconds of the first round. He fought Eddie Miller in Chicago on June 30 and had won every round into the fifth when he ran into a desperation punch and was kayoed. Wayne Strowbridge, Colo. Springs Middleweight, lost a close eight-round decision to Ray Spurlock, Kansas City, in Topeka, Kansas. — Reuben Shank has given up his boxing promotions at Norfolk, Va., and is now guiding a heavyweight by the name of Don Wagner. — Art Irlando, Denver Featherweight, who is an outstanding amateur, will soon turn Pro.

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CLEVELAND RING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

EDDY MAROTTA, Cleveland's great little featherweight, returned to action and easily beat Kid Riviera at Minneapolis. Marotta was idle several months due to an appendectomy.

George "Wildcat" Henry, who has met most of the leading welters and middles, is now residing in Cleveland, and is under the capable management of Jimmy Avon. Jimmy is also helping Jack Waterbury in grooming Billy Farmer, 150, preliminary boy to stardom.

Jackie Keough will be out of action for at least six months. His injured right hand has been slow in responding to treatment.

In the 1936 Olympics, Cleveland had three representatives on the boxing team. This year our city has none.

At the sectional tryouts at Toledo, our light-heavy Frank McClendon lost a hairline decision to Speizer of Detroit. Speizer won the final tryouts at Boston. Our flyweight Tommy DeSantis was not up to standard and lost to Ladd of Dayton in a close battle. One month previous to this loss, he had beaten Frankie Sodano of Philadelphia. Sodano is the National A.A.U. Champ, and also the Olympic tryout winner.

Al Micatrotta, our heavyweight winner at Toledo, lost to Jay Lambert of Utah, the ultimate winner at Boston. Mickey Mars, our bantamweight, who won in Toledo, lost to Wm. Bossio of Pittsburgh in the semifinals. Mars has been boxing less than a year and his inexperience cost him enough opportunities to be shaded by his older and more seasoned foe. Bossio also won the Number One spot in his division.

Our featherweight winner at Toledo, Houston Brown, lost a split decision to Ed Johnson of Kansas City in a hard-fought bout. The consensus of opinion was that Brown deserved the fight. Johnson also won the final test. So considering everything, Cleveland still ranks as one of the top cities for amateur boxers.

Our best amateur prospects for next season are Tommy Disantis and Tony Mariano, flyweights; Mickey Mars and Johnny Ciaconne, bantams; Frankie Lentine, featherweights; Bill Gherry, welter; Frank McClendon, light-heavy; and Al Micatrotto, heavyweight. Tommy Salem and Hal McKee, bantams, are also to be considered.

NEVADA FISTIC NEWS
By CLARENCE HECKETHORN

LAS VEGAS had its first professional boxing in over a year when Promoter Dick Russell staged a card of fights at the newly erected Sportsdrome. And if this initial program is a barometer of the class of boxing that Promoter Russell is to dish up for Las Vegas in future shows, local fans will be more than satisfied.

The feature attraction was a ten-rounder between Irish Jackie McCoy of Los Angeles, and Louis ,Lucky) Langley, Springfield (Mass.) Negro. It was a fast and interesting scrap all the way, even though McCoy was the master throughout and the result was never in doubt. Langley was slowed down to a walk by the seventh, in which round he was almost floored, and the Easterner was quite messed up at the finish, while McCoy was unmarked. Each weighed 125.

The six-round semi-final was an exciting setto between Rocky Haro, 130, Hanford, Cal., and Renaldo Delgado, 127, Havana, Cuba. It was a hard punching affair in which both were floored. Haro was awarded a split decision, due to Delgado's losing two rounds because of low blows. Had the Cuban fought cleanly, he no doubt would have been declared the winner.

In other bouts: Bill Harvey, Las Vegas, eked out a close decision over Martin Oliveras, Los Angeles, in four; Alex Guerrero, Glendale, Cal., K.O.'ed Don Brashay, Las Vegas, in the fourth round; Larry Parker, Pasadena, stopped Nick Goray, Los Angeles, in the second round; Gene Morris, Los Angeles, decisioned Len Marquez, Long Beach, in four.

Most of the visiting members of the boxing profession praise the officiating of Referee Jim Ryan, a former Navy boxer. Ryan moves around well, watches the action closely, remains cool and enforces the rules, penalizing the offenders. The most recent of the Ryan boosters is Harry Winkler, California RING representative, who was here with Jackie McCoy.

Ben Marcus, a lightweight of Chicago some 20 years ago, is assisting Dick Russell with the promotions at the Sportsdrome. Marcus, until recently a manager of boxers in Los Angeles, is the concessionaire at the Sportsdrome.

Jackie McCoy is the most popular boxer to appear in Las Vegas. The little Irishman first won the hearts of local fans when he whipped Alfredo Escobar in this city two years ago. Although Jackie is a Californian, he is practically regarded as a local boy.

The two Las Vegas boys, Bill Harvey and Don Brashay, who appeared on the opening card, were making their professional debuts. Both had been impressive in amateur competition. They are being coached and directed by Freddie Isaacs, former crack amateur featherweight of Los Angeles.

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IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

"SUGAR" RAY ROBINSON, world's welterweight champion, is in a class by himself as he demonstrated in his successful defense of his coveted laurels, when he thrashed the No. 1 challenger, Bernard Docusen, Filipino, out of New Orleans, La., in fifteen thrilling rounds at Comiskey Park.

Docusen, as classy a boxer as one cares to watch, punches with lightning-like precision and gave a good account of himself during the early rounds and up through the tenth stanza. Inability to cope with Robinson's infighting turned out to be Docusen's downfall, as he showed signs of weakening from midriff punches.

In the 11th canto, Robinson went all out and belted Bernard with a fusillade of blows, finally dropping the Filipino. Docusen got up and was in there at the bell punching for all he was worth.

And so it went for the remainder of the bout, with Robinson gaining momentum and the Duke fighting to be there at the finish.

In the ten-round semi-windup, Jose Basora of Puerto Rico, won with plenty to spare over Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wis., middleweight. Basora had too many guns for Jimmy, who fought gamely, but didn't possess sufficient savvy to cope with the situation.

Bob Foxworth, East St. Louis, Ill., heavyweight, won a ten-rounder from Enrique Felipi of South America. The bout was fought during a heavy rainfall.

Clifton Williams, Chicago, welterweight, defeated Ted Murray, New York, at the end of six rounds, and Cliff Fossman won by a knockout over Wild Bill Dudley in three rounds.

Only 8,838 fans attended, with the gross gate amounting to $45,640.24.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Anton Raadik, aging middleweight contender from Estonia, scored a nine-round knockout over Tommy Bell. Bell won only one round, the seventh, and near the end of the ninth, Raadik's tireless pounding caused Referee Norm McGarrity to stop the fight in 1:43.

Vince Foster, Omaha, welterweight knockout artist, took the measure of Leon Thompson in five rounds.

Enrico Bertola, Italian heavyweight champion, won a ten-rounder over Art Swiden, Pittsburgh heavy.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Freddie Dawson, Chicago lightweight contender, had to go almost ten rounds before he was able to put the aggressive Willie Cheatum, Philadelphia, away.

Jimmy "Pineapple" Enopia of Hawaii won over Joe Barrare of Tuxpan, Mexico, in six rounds.

Louis Gray, St. Louis, 162, finished southpaw Billy Reese, Milwaukee, via the knockout route in three heats.

Gerald LaBroi, Gary, 138, defeated Wild Bill Dudley of La Porte, Ind. His brother, John LaBroi, 138, won over Tiger Weems in four heats. And in the four-round opener, Frankie Klobucar of East Chicago defeated Jimmy Sheets, light-heavyweight.

A boxing guild is sorely needed here in Chicago. Local boys are being shunned repeatedly and the Illinois Boxing Commission isn't perturbed at all at this state of affairs. Perhaps an influential member of Gotham's Guild, or even Eddie Eagan, New York's capable czar, could give us a helping hand. Any improvement will be far better than the existing conditions today.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Harold Dade, former world's bantamweight kingpin, finally made his hometown debut, and this against Charley Riley, contending featherweight, out of St. Louis. Dade, a real credit to the boxing game, displayed his ring prowess to the satisfaction of all concerned and his consistent body barraging, coupled with his two-fisted head pounding, won him the laurels at the end of ten rounds.

In companion ten-rounders, Talmadge Bussey, lightweight out of Detroit, dropped the verdict to one of his fellow-"Motor City" rivals, Harold Jones, a southpaw, and "Irish" Pat McCafferty, Topeka southpaw light-heavy, cut Al Johnson's eye, the bout being halted in the sixth round.

Cliff Fossman, Chicago welter, scored a knockout over Rocky Slyapick, Detroit, in three rounds, and in the opener Bobby Beamon, Indianapolis lightweight, won over Ronald Cannon on a cut eye in three rounds.

Tim Dalton, lightweight prospect from the Windy City, after absence of four months due to a side injury, returned to the ring with a neat knockout win in four rounds over Jimmy Varketta of Ashtabula, Ohio, in Pittsburgh.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Bob Satterfield, in-and-out light-heavyweight fisticuffer, scored one of his outstanding ring triumphs when he clipped Billy Smith, Oakland 175-pound contender, dropping him twice before flooring the West Coast puncher for the ten-count in the first round of their slated ten-round battle.

Gerald LaBroi, Gary, lightweight, stopped Herb Wiley in one round. Brother John LaBroi, 138, finished Frank Ivan in one canto. Tony Motisi, veteran Chicago welterweight, gained the nod over Jackie Keough, Cleveland welter, at the end of ten rounds.

Eddie Miller, Dayton, surprised with a sensational five-round knockout over Joe Danos, Denver, 150-pounder.

Promoters interested in up-and-coming talent for their out-of-town boxing shows can contact several fight managers up at the Armory Gymnasium, 16th Street and Michigan Avenue.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Johnny Bratton, classy Chicagoan, who now scales 144 pounds, and is a good fighter, was fed an inept opponent in his first bout since his jaw was broken. Jackie Solomons, by way of Johannesburg, South Africa, winner in 24 out of 27 matches, was knocked out in one round.

Eddie Marotta, Cleveland featherweight, defeated Pat O'Leary, Omaha, in a six-round bout.

Dan Robinson, 145-pound West Side Negro, knocked Melvin Johnson through the ropes twice in the opening frame and knocked him down once in the second round, and went on to win an eight-round decision.

Joe Sgro, Indianapolis middleweight, dropped stumbling Leon Thompson, Evarts, Ky., twice and meted out a pasting to Leon in winning a unanimous verdict at the end of six rounds.

Ulysses Johnson, Detroit, 164, came back strong after a weak first round, spilled Louis Gray in the second round, and went on to take down a clean-cut four-round decision.

Eddie Newman was credited with a three-round knockout over Herman Hayes.

Attention—Experienced fighters seeking work here in the Middle West will do well to contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. In your letter please enclose your won and lost fight record, a good fight photo and any of your fight clippings you may have. So, until next month, bye, RING.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

GOVERNOR EARL K. LONG has named the new Louisiana Athletic Commission, which supervises professional boxing and wrestling in Louisiana. Pete Herman, blind, twice former bantamweight champion, was honored by Governor Long by being placed on the commission.

Long's new commission members are well known in local boxing circles, while Herman is internationally known. Pete was a great favorite with New York fans for years as champion and challenger. Herman's two title fights with Joe Lynch for the bantamweight title, in which Herman lost the title and regained it in a second 15-rounder, were memorable bantam title battles during Herman's era when the bantamweight division had great challengers and champions.

Tom Littleton, former commissioner, was named chairman. Littleton is a brother of "Happy" Littleton, a former middleweight champion of the South. Tom also boxed early in his careeer. He is well qualified for the post. Dominick Foto, who has served previously under seven governors, was named secretary.

Local boxing promoters, matchmakers and fans regard Long's new commission as a competent one and big things are expected with three qualified men of the calibre Governor Long has appointed. Mike Cusimano, former welterweight fighter, was appointed an honorary member with no salary remuneration. Cusimano graduated from Tulane University.

Anthony Arnone, semi-final lightweight performer, was pushed into the main-event class by Promoter Heard Ragas and Matchmaker Lew Raymond, opposing Jack "Spider" Armstrong, Canadian and Boston lightweight, in a scheduled ten-rounder at Franklin Stadium. Arnone scored a two-round kayo over Armstrong.

The Canadian, who had lasted ten losing rounds with Jose (Baby) Gonzales in a previous start here, seemed in a hurry to catch an early plane out of New Orleans. Armstrong had been knocked out earlier this year by Jackie Graves in one round. The NBA could retire the veteran Armstrong and do him a favor, also the fight fans of the nation.

Buster Price, Pascagoula, Miss., scored a five-round decision over Pancho Acosta on the same card. Mike Konners, New York welterweight, in the second fight of a comeback, won a five-round verdict over Larry Ray, Miami, Fla.

A crowd of 1252 paid the small net gate of $1655.20.

Eddie Giosa, Philadelphia, Pa., lightweight, scored a surprise victory over flashy Rudy Cruz, Los Angeles, protege of Gus Wilson, in the feature ten-round bout of Promoter Louis Messina's well-balanced fistic card at Municipal Auditorium. Cruz had been installed a 2 to 1 favorite over the smart Giosa, who was making his second start here, having boxed Buddy Garcia, Galveston, Texas, to a ten-round draw in his debut here.

Keith Hamilton, New Orleans lightweight, outpointed Ray Ramon, San Antonio, Texas, in the six-round semifinal. Bobby Garcia decisioned Joe Rodriguez, Philadelphia, Pa., easily in five. Joey Wasnick outpointed Jimmy Saldo in the opening four.

Jose (Baby) Gonzales, Mexico City featherweight, won a onesided unanimous ten-round decision over Jack "Spider" Armstrong in a ten-rounder staged by Promoter Louis Messina at Pelican Stadium. Gonzales won every round from the Canadian. Jose, although an easy winner, was not in his best fighting form.

Hubert Gray, Amarillo, Texas, won a six-round decision over Ray Ramon, San Antonio, Texas. Joe Rodriguez, Philadelphia, Pa., and Bobby Garza, San Antonio, Texas, fought a five-round draw.

Pat Donahue, Irish middleweight, defeated George LaRover in ten rounds at Franklin Stadium after both were on the floor, but Donahue suffered a broken jaw in winning the ten-round decision and will be on the shelf for at least six months, if not permanently.

Lew Raymond, matchmaker for Promoter Heard Ragas, is planning a benefit show for Donahue.

Bernard Docusen's feat of going 15 rounds with Welterweight Champion Ray "Sugar" Robinson stamps Docusen as the top welterweight in the division if Robinson retires from the 147-pound division. A welterweight tournament would be scheduled to name a new champion. Docusen is the one to beat for the title.

Maxie Docusen, Bernard's lightweight brother, is also moving along at fast pace in the lightweight division. He recently won a ten-round decision over Ritchie Shinn at Honolulu.

Unattached fighters desiring bouts locally can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

PAT McCAFFERTY, lethal punching Irish light-heavyweight, stepped out of his weight division, chalking up his 20th straight win by blasting out a clean-cut, 10-round decision over Bob Garner, veteran Louisville, Ky., hevyweight, before 3,500 fans, the largest summer crowd to sit in on a fight in Topeka's air conditioned Municipal Auditorium in over a year.

Fresh from a six-round kayo of a scheduled main event in Chicago over Al Johnson, McCafferty won every round, having Garner down for the count of six in the third, but the bell rang before any more damage could be done. Although beaten all the way Garner was given a big hand and an A for trying.

In the six-round semi-final, Topeka's sorrel topped Irish middleweight, Kenny Barton, stopped Eddie Green, Ottumwa, Ia., in the third round, when the Iowan came up with a very badly cut eye and the referee halted the contest. Louis Crume, Des Moines ruffian, surprised the local clientele by decisioning Ernie DeFrance, Wichita lightweight, in four. Russ Moore, Kansas City's lightweight, drew with Don Smith, Wichita, in four. Buzz Lanning, Ottumwa, Ia., welterweight, decisioned Tony Nittro, Omaha, in four.

In a double main event at Topeka which drew a disappointing crowd, Ray Spurlock, Kansas City middleweight, thumped out a one-sided eight-round decision over Wayne Strobridge, of Colorado Springs, Colo., having the Coloradoan down several times. In the other half of the twin bill middleweight Joe Danos, Denver, kayoed the amateurish looking Rocky Britton in the first round. Ernie DeFrance, lightweight, stopped Cye Louis, St. Paul, Minn., and Marvin Smith, lightweight, kayoed Russ Moore, Kansas City, in four. Don Smith, lightweight, decisioned Raymond Raybordi, in four.

SHOTS HERE AND THERE: Sam Goldberg, who flew to Topeka to take care of his fighter, Bob Garner, made a great hit with newspaper men and fans alike. The boxing game could use more men like Mr. Goldberg. Kansas City and Wichita will open in September. Topeka is the only city running during the summer, having a beautiful million and a half dollar air-conditioned Auditorium. Max Clayton, Omaha promoter, is vacationing. Several Kansas City Golden Gloves champions to turn pro in the fall. Don Lee, Edison, Nebraska, middleweight, improves with age. Vince Foster and Pat McCafferty, Chicago headliners this fall and winter.

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"FROM DOWN UNDER"
By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—Southpaw Tommy Watts, 142, knocked out hard punching Alfie Sands, 147, in two rounds at Newcastle, this being Watts' most impressive win in the welterweight division. The knockout blow was a beautifully timed left to the jaw.

At Melbourne, Ken Murphy, 149½, gave a much improved display to stop Bill Burns, 151½, in six rounds. Murphy threw off the sluggishness of recent months and came out punching fast and effectively to outclass Burns. Burns had been down for a count of nine and when he went down again from a hail of lefts the referee halted the proceedings in Murphy's favor.

Trying to stay down and get a rest from a long count proved the undoing of Johnny Shaw, 137, against Jimmy McDonald, 135¾, at Melbourne Stadium. Shaw misjudged the count in round five and was counted out. McDonald held a points lead at the finish, the left which put Shaw down being a beauty.

Ray Coleman, 123, showed up in good form to outpoint Charlie Ward, 127, at Leichhardt. Ward went away to an early points lead, but the further it went the better Coleman scored with a wide variety of punches.

Nipper O'Brien, 127¼, figured in one of the most dramatic knockouts seen at Sydney Stadium for months, when he measured Al Lewis, 127, and knocked him out with a slashing right to the jaw in the eighth round. Lewis was weak at the knees for minutes afterwards. It was Lewis' second fight in a week. He had drawn with Rod Parsons, 122½, in Brisbane three days before.

There was difference of opinion expressed over a close decision awarded to Bernie Hall, 135¾, over Johnny Blane, 136, in their 12 round bout at Sydney Stadium. Many thought Blane got there, but the referee gave weight to Hall's clever counter punching and effective close work.

Wrestling bouts at Newcastle: Jack Claybourne beat Danny Dusek, who was disqualified in the seventh. At Melbourne: Red Vagnone beat Dick Raines. At Adelaide: Dick Raines beat Bonnie Muir.

Australia—American Benny Evans, 147½, and Mickey Tollis, 146, fought a toughly contested draw over 12 rounds at Sydney Stadium, the verdict being unpopular with followers of both men. Evans had the better of the early rounds, but Tollis came along strongly in the concluding stages. The draw decision suitably recognized Tollis' grandstand finish, though Evans by proving he can fight aggressively as well as in spoiling fashion, gained a lot of supporters from this fight. The only knockdown occurred in round three when a nicely placed right to the jaw by Evans sat Tollis down for a count of eight.

Tommy Ward, 148, beat Ken Murphy, 148, on points over 12 rounds in Melbourne because he used his experience to outsmart Murphy, a superior puncher. Murphy rattled Ward with left hooks several times in the fight, but every time Ward lost no time in putting Murphy off balance. Ward is improving with every fight.

Behind a long way on points after six rounds of their 12-round Leichhardt fight, Ted Sprouster, 128¼, outboxed Johnny Davis, 127, over the final stages to take a clear-cut points win.

Kev Delaney, 149¼, relied mainly on left jabs to outpoint Alfie Sands, 147¾, over 12 rounds in Brisbane. Sands fought a game fight, and was always dangerous, but he needed a knockout to win.

Giving away 26 pounds was no trouble to Australian light-heavyweight and middleweight champion, Dave Sands, 159, who outpointed Billy Meyers, 185, at Newcastle Stadium. Sands is the uncrowned king of Australian heavyweights. It is most noticeable that the official heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson, whom Sands knocked out twice in non-title fights, avoids all mention of putting his title up to Dusky Dave.

Wrestling bouts: Brisbane—Red Vagnone vs. Marvin Jones, both disqualified in the seventh. Melbourne—Butch Levy beat Marvin Jones. Sydney—Red Vagnone drew with Jack Claybourne. Adelaide—Butch Levy beat Babe Smolenski on points, each gaining a fall. Leichhardt—Dick Raines beat Pat Meehan, two falls to one.

Southpaw middleweight Fred Riddell, 159, showed promise when he stopped the hard-hitting Fred Braddick, 156, in six rounds at Leichhardt. Hard punching to head and body from Riddell reduced Braddick's resistance and when his lip was cut in the sixth, the referee crowned Riddell.

North Queensland lightweight, Jack Hassen, 134¼, is being hailed as a coming lightweight champion after his easy points win over Bobby Fuller, 134½, in Brisbane. Hassen has had 18 straight wins, 14 by knock-outs. Fuller was on the canvas eight times, but managed to see the 12 rounds out.

Melbourne fight critics see such virtue in Jack Twist's, 171½, points win in 12 rounds from George Allen, 172, at Melbourne Stadium. The critics consider Twist one of the most promising Australian light-heavyweights, not that he is fit to fight the champion, Dave Sands, yet awhile.

A left rip to the solar plexus took away Ken Hatcher's, 118, New South Wales State bantamweight title in the second round of his 15-round bout at Newcastle with Billy Herbert, 117¾. Herbert has had an up-and-down career in boxing, but being a vigorous fighter, should wear his new crown with distinction.

In Sydney, Bernie Grant, 125½, in a close decision from Ted Sprouster, 128½, owed his win to two knock-downs, putting Sprouster down for five in the third and six in the sixth.

Billy Watson, 125, won a clear-cut points decision at Sydney Stadium from the game Johnny Davis, 125½.

Wrestling bouts: — Brisbane: Dick Raines, 240, beat Jack Claybourne, 232, two falls to one in six rounds. Newcastle: Marvin Jones, 238, and Danny Dusek, 233, both disqualified in the sixth. Melbourne: Butch Levy, 241, beat Red Vagnone, 231. Sydney: Dick Raines, 240, beat Danny Dusek, 233, who could not continue in the fifth. Leichhardt (Sydney): Red Vagnone, 231, drew with Danny Dusek, 233.

Australia—In a 12-round non-title fight in Melbourne, our heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson, 174¼, stopped Ross Pippett, 165½, in eleven rounds, when Pippett's both eyebrows were cut.

Dave Sands, 160, stopped George Allen, 170¼, in six rounds in Newcastle. Allen took two nine counts in the fourth round after he had been hit hard by Sands' left hooks. The referee called a halt in the sixth when Allen was completely at Sands' mercy and was being heavily punished.

In fighting a draw in a New South Wales middleweight title match, Joe Upton, 158, and Rex Murphy, 151½, put up one of the best red-blooded fights seen at Leichhardt Stadium for years. Both boys got a rousing reception from the excited fans as they left the ring after the draw had been awarded. Upton believes his recent improvement is largely due to points he has been taught by American Benny Evans.

Other 12-round bouts: Brisbane: Rod Parsons, 117¾, outpointed Johnny Gleeson, 116½. Sydney: Russ Woods, 123¾, stopped Charlie Ward, 127¼, in the eighth. Bernie Grant, 124½, outpointed Nipper O'Brien, 126½. Billy De Belin, 145½, stopped Jack Bridges, 141¼, in the eighth.

Wrestling bouts—Brisbane: Dick Raines beat Babe Smolenski, who was unable to continue in the sixth. Newcastle: Butch Levy drew with Jack Claybourne, one fall each. Melbourne: Danny Dusek beat Marvin Jones, who was disqualified in the first. Sydney: Dick Raines beat Jack Claybourne in six rounds. Leichhardt (Sdyney): Jack Claybourne beat Babe Smolenski.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

JEAN RICHARD, youthful Montrealer, is the new Canadian featherweight champion—and a worthy one. The wiry local lad's terrier-like ring style was too much for Quebec's hard-hitting Fernando Gagnon to handle and the crown changed heads in a hard-fought twelve-rounder headlining Raoul Godbout's offering that attracted just under $9,000 at the Forum. It was Richard's second straight victory over Gagnon, having scored decisively over him three weeks previously in a non-title ten-rounder in the same ring, the gate being a few hundred dollars more. With both shows featuring these youngsters drawing close to $10,000 it indicates that Montreal is a major fight centre, despite the slump in other locales.

Gagnon is still a titleholder though losing the featherweight diadem. He holds the Canadian bantamweight title and is likely to hold it for some time as he is a natural 118-pounder. Conceding height, reach and six or seven pounds to the scrappy Richard was a bit too much for the Quebec gamester, who was further handicapped in the title bout when he sustained a fractured left thumb in the second round, though he continued to fire with that hand. Richard had too much ring generalship and continual speed for the Quebecer, who has to depend on connecting often enough with his wicked right hand to be effective.

Gus (Pell) Mell appeared in the ten-round co-feature on both cards, but was none too impressive in outpunching Solly Zalter, local middleweight, then taking a surprising trouncing from Gaby Ferland, rangy local welter, that squashed Mell's hopes of a lucrative match with Johnny Greco in the near future. In fact, the Mell-Greco match was already planned for September and figured to draw $30,000 to $40,000.

Griffintown Gus didn't have too much trouble with Zalter, though it was evident that he was far off his best form. Swinging wildly, he missed much more often than he connected and only had the timid Zalter in trouble a couple of times. Zalter, of course, was an awkward opponent to nail, with his smart defensive tactics, but he fired few punches even when Mell tired, so the fight only had a few spots of action.

The Ferland-Mell setto, however, was much better than generally expected. Mell was highly favored to win, general opinion figuring he'd stop Ferland inside five rounds. Mell started off in cyclonic fashion, intent on scoring a quick knockout, and the lanky Ferland went strictly defensive for three rounds, mounting a speedy bicycle. As Mell started slowing down, Ferland started throwing more punches, particularly with a machine-gun left jab. Mell tired rapidly and took a drubbing the last few rounds, being on the verge of a knockout in the last heat. Lack of adequate training is heading the 22-year-old boy to the sidelines and his convivial habits are taking their toll to an amazing extent. He only remotely resembles the fighter who trounced Bobby Ruffin, Freddie Archer, and others of that calibre little more than a year ago. The colorful Gus had better change quickly or he'll never reach his rightful niche among the topnotchers. It was a great win for Ferland and his enthusiastic admirers cheered him jubilantly after the bout.

Harvey Mathe, Joe Pardie's promising youngster, scored impressive victories on both cards. He outwalloped Eddie Bolduc in a sizzling six-rounder on the June card, then battered out a win over Jerry Laliberte in a six-rounder on the July show. The lad is a colorful performer. He boxes well, is willing to trade punches, and is a good walloper with either hand.

The vacated Canadian light-heavy title may soon find an owner. Ontario reports that Dominic Bernardo of Windsor is seeking to claim it, which brings strong protests from Larry Steele and Legs Andrews, who are handling the hard-hitting Eddie Ross. They figure Ross has a better claim to it (and it looks that way to us), but they are willing to let Ross fight it out with Bernardo, anywhere, even in Bernardo's own bailiwick. Ross is a two-fisted slugger, has scored 19 kayoes in 21 starts, winning the other two. His last start was a decisive ten-round win over Bill Sparks, husky Negro boy.

Stray Shots—Eddie (Joe Beef) Leboeuf, young local welter, who rates as the best prospect in Canada right now, is finding it tough to campaign regularly. . . . He is running out of opposition in his hometown. . . . Has to tackle the bigger-name boys though he has only had seven fights, winning them all, six by knockouts, in sensational fashion. . . . He is willing to meet either Gus Mell or Gaby Ferland and would probably stiffen either. . . . His knockout of Ralph Walton was a masterpiece of deadly, destructive punching. . . . Marcel LaChapelle, lanky featherweight, is also still going strong. . . . Jean Richard is married, has two kids. . . . Ditto Tommy Murray. . . . Mike Sobel and a couple other boys working on New England circuit. . . . Jerry Coursol, who also boxed as Billy Moore around Florida, going well around Jersey and is likely to show in Montreal soon. . . . It is his hometown and welters are the big drawing cards here. . . . Coursol is willing to fight anybody to earn a shot at Greco. . . . Greco may fight Eric Boon in an August match here. . . . Cheerio till next month.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

CINCINNATI, Parkway Arena—Jesse (Topper) Underwood, 133, unanimously decisioned Jimmy Woods, 136, in a hard-fought 10-rounder. Woods suffered a fractured jaw in this slugfest.

Charleston Armory—Willard Coffey, 145, defeated Jesse Baker, 148, (8). Don Webber, 122½, outfought Reggie Martina, 127, (8). Ron Harper, 140, kayoed Eddie Martin, 136, (2). Bill Cassity, 152, kayoed Carl Allen, 160, (1).

Huntington Radio Center—Sammy Angott, 146, defeated Buster Miles, 147, (10). Art Brunne, 170, iced Red Bineyard, 172, (4).

Correction—Charley Banks, Cincy light-heavy, did not defeat Art Brunne, as stated here in last issue. The article should have read: Charley Banks, 166, kayoed Larry Watson, 172, (4). Red Bineyard, 170, got off the floor three times to defeat Art Brunne, 172, (6).

Note—Jackie Carter, Florida, please contact Walter Ketchel, 215 Broad, Charleston, W. Va.

Charley Burley, one-time Pittsburgh ace, recently returned from the Coast with a prize package in hard-hitting Rusty Payne, a heavyweight. Rusty's last two wins were over Sid Peaks and Fitzie Fitzpatrick—both by the kayo route.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

SIOUX CITY, Ia.—Bob Morley, Sioux City boxing promoter, offered his first professional boxing card of the season, when Orlan Ott of Hartley, Ia., scored a kayo over Roberto Solomito, Puerto Rican heavyweight, in 1:10 of the second round. Nearly 2,000 fans turned out for the excellent card. The other bouts saw Billy Rensch, Sioux City light-heavyweight, and Wade Miller battle to a four-round draw; Earl Wenbourne, Wayne, Neb., light-heavyweight, scored over Mark Riley of Omaha, in six. In one of the best bouts on the card, Eddie Simmons, Sioux City middleweight, scored a six-round decision over Roland Taylor of Des Moines, Ia. Bobby Carew, clever Des Moines featherweight, scored a three-round kayo over Johnny Squires of Omaha in a billed six-rounder.

Our assistant, Floyd Hayes of Omaha, Nebr., is on hand with the following:

At Oxford, Neb.—In his first appearance before home folks since turning professional, Don Lee, 159, Edison, Neb., scored a technical knockout over Eddie Simmons, 160, Sioux City, Iowa, in the sixth round.

A crowd of 2,200 packed the Oxford Rodeo Grounds to witness the mixed boxing and wrestling card. Lee used a body attack against the Iowa Negro for the first five rounds and then opened up with an attack to the head in the sixth and had floored Simmons two times before Referee Jack Conley stepped in and called a halt.

Joey Romano, Topeka, Kas., scored a fourth round technical knockout over Paul Martinez, 124, Omaha. The Omaha boy was holding his own for the first three rounds and then ran out of gas and the fight was stopped when Martinez was floored.

There were no boxing shows in Omaha during the past month, but boxers making Omaha their headquarters did a little traveling. Corky Gonzales, 125, Denver (now fighting out of Omaha), knocked out Nicky Harris, 120, Cleveland, in the fourth round of a scheduled six-rounder at Minneapolis, Minn. . . . Vince Foster, 150, Omaha, now fighting out of Chicago under the handling of Jack Hurley, scored a T.K.O. at 2:10 of the fifth round over Leon Thompson, 152, Evarts, Ky. . . . Joe Danos, 150, Denver (now living in Omaha), packed up his ring togs and journeyed to Topeka, Kas., and belted out Rocky Britton, 149, Waterloo, Iowa, in the first round. . . . In the Marigold Gardens at Chicago, Eddie Miller, 160, Dayton, Ohio, knocked out Joe Danos, 155, Denver, in the fifth round. This was the first knockout suffered by Danos in his professional career. . . . Jesse Salzar, former boxer, lost a toe in an accident on his job at an Omaha steel firm. . . . Jack Pesek, son of the old wrestler, John Pesek, "The Ravenna Tiger Man," has given up his remaining football eligibility at Nebraska University and will take a fling at the pro wrestling game.

Lincoln, Neb.—Nebraska boxing and wrestling receipts and attendance fell off during the past year, according to the annual report of Charles N. Moon, director of the State Division of Athletics. Mr. Moon's report shows 197,732 fans paid $237,308.15 (Federal and state tax included) to witness 178 bouts during the year closing July 1. Last year the attendance was 226,111, receipts $265,072.68, and the number of bouts 176. The total state tax collected the past year was $10,017.89, compared with $11,415.92 the preceding 12 months.

Omaha continues to be the hot spot in Nebraska boxing and wrestling. Lincoln is second and Alliance third in revenue.

During the year there were 102 wrestling matches, 20 professional boxing bouts and 56 amateur boxing shows held in the state. Omaha led with 60 shows and Lincoln second with 34.

Davenport, Ia.—The city's most unusual fight program staged here offered eight title fights, in which 16 of the amateurs held at least one title. The card was staged at the Municipal Stadium before a large crowd.

Keokuk, Ia.—Ralph Thornton, athletic director at the Keokuk Y.M.C.A., and Iowa amateur middleweight boxing champion, received a gift from Vincent Gray, Keokuk youth now on duty with the army in Japan. The gift was a large hand-painted portrait of Thornton holding the Tony Zale championship trophy which had been done by a Japanese artist, Minoru Kawasima, on silk. It was painted from a picture which had appeared in a Keokuk newspaper that had been mailed to Gray.

Des Moines, Ia.—The Valley Stadium staged several good amateur shows during the past month.

News for this spot must be in our hands by the 6th of each month. Mail same to Bill Hawkins, 2206 N. Lafayette St., Sioux City, Iowa. Our phone number is 8-6849 in the event you wish to phone your news in.

Our young assistant from Marshalltown, Ia., Jerry Heuseman, is on hand with the following:

Des Moines—Del Cockayne, Des Moines welterweight, lost a close eight-round decision to Del Flanagan at St. Paul. Cockayne floored Flanagan in the bout and many St. Paul fans thought that Cockayne had won. The pair had fought once before, Flanagan scoring a T.K.O.

Des Moines—Louis Crumes, a bright welterweight prospect from the Capitol City, engaged tough Ernie DeFrance at Topeka on July 2, and won the decision after four rounds of battling. Crumes is one of the best-looking prospects here.

Des Moines—On July 2 at Topeka, on the same card that featured the Crumes-DeFrance four-rounder, Buzz Lanning of Ottumwa, a rough, tough, veteran welterweight, won the decision over Tony Nitro of Youngstown, Ohio, in four frames.

In the ten-round main event on this card, Pat McCafferty of Topeka outpointed Bob Garner of Louisville, Ky., in a light-heavyweight bout.

Last Minute Sparks—Boxing sessions will be held this summer at the Estherville, Ia., Recreation Center in an effort to bring out boxing talent. Elmer Davis, well-known Estherville, Ia., boxer, will be in charge of the program. Punching bags and gloves will be available for all interested youngsters. . . . Abel Cestac, 227, who has been booking out of Des Moines, Ia., scored a kayo over Lucas Rubinick, 205, of Argentina at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. . . . Bob Morley, Sioux City promoter, is giving the fans plenty of action with his wrestling cards. . . . He also staged two dandy amateur boxing cards besides one professional card during the past month. . . . Boxers and managers wishing to book in here, can reach Promoter Morley at 1524 Court Street, Sioux City, Ia. . . . Boxing managers and boxers booking bouts in here and failing to show will be listed in this spot.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,

By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

CHARLEY (ZIVIC) AFFIF, 155, popular local middleweight and rugged O'Neill Bell, 157, Detroit, fought ten furious rounds to a draw in the main event on the Rooney-McGinley Club Show at the Zivic Arena on June 30. Charley was dropped for an eight count in the second round. Referee Mastrean took the third round from Affif for low blows and then Charley suffered a bruised elbow in the eighth. Had he not run into these obstacles, Affif would have won the fight. Judge George Lupinacci voted for Affif; Judge Red Robinson for Bell, and with the judges disagreeing, the referee's vote is final, and he voted a draw.

In the eight-rounder, classy Tim Dalton, 137, Chicago, won by a T.K.O. over Jimmy Varcetta, 138, Ashtabula, Ohio, when Varcetta, thoroughly outclassed, was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round.

Ernest Rowell, 142, Cleveland, Ohio, won the unanimous decision over Joe Kezele, 146, Warren, Ohio, in a six-round slugfest.

Danny Stepanovich, who from now on will be fighting under the name of Danny Stan, 142, Pittsburgh, looked sharp punching out a unanimous decision over Irish Chuck McLaughlin, 143, McKeesport, Pa., in a four.

In the four-round opener, Harry Schneider, 143, of Mt. Oliver, Pa., hammered his way to a unanimous verdict over Clay Milliron, 141, of Akron, Ohio.

Rusty Payne, 184, California heavyweight, has kayoed his way into the Pittsburgh fistic spotlight by scoring two consecutive knockouts in as many weeks. His latest victim was Sid Peaks, 217, of Louisville, Ky., who, prior to this fight, was rated by THE RING as the third ranking heavyweight in the world. The pair met at the Zivic Arena on June 21. Peaks was down three times in the first round. Peaks came out on unsteady legs for the second round and tried to hold on but Payne pushed him off, let go with a flurry of lefts and rights to the head that ended the contest with Peaks being counted out flat on his back. The time was 53 seconds of the second round. Remember the name, Payne.

In the six-rounder, Mike Koballa, 146, Allison, Pa., was given the split-decision over Tony Necro, 148, Warren, Ohio, in a very close contest.

In another six, Joey Salcone, 133, Niles, Ohio, won the unanimous decision over Leo Kelly, 130, McKeesport, Pa. In this bout it was experience over youth but Kelly is definitely a fine prospect and under the capable handling of the old master, Duke O'Hara, he should go far.

Ernest Rowell, 141, Cleveland, Ohio, a sharp-punching youngster, floored Danny Stepanovich, 138, Pittsburgh, for nine in the first round and had him set-up for a kayo when the referee halted the contest, awarding Rowell the T.K.O. victory. The time, two minutes, 49 seconds of the first of a scheduled six.

Nate Smith, 155, Pittsburgh, won the split decision over Johnny Izzo, 162, New Castle, Pa., in the opening four.

Promoter Bill Dumer and his capable matchmaker, Jack White, staged their first outdoor show of the season at Carnegie Stadium in suburban Carnegie, Pa., on June 16. In the ten-round feature, Sammy Secreet, 148, of Cecil, Pa., won the unanimous and popular decision over Bobby Simmons, 147, of Indianapolis, Ind. Secreet was content to feel out his opponent for the first four rounds and then he went to work.

Richie Callura, 137, Pittsburgh, decisively defeated Billy Gillian, 133, of Homestead, Pa., in the six-round semi-final. Callura, a classy youngster, was out in front all the way and the decision was unanimous.

Al Gaulteri, 132, of Washington, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Charley Baxter, 133, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in another six-rounder.

Ted Phillips, 142, of Pittsburgh, won a split decision over Irish Chuck McLaughlin, 142, of McKeesport, Pa., in a four, and Sylvester Simmons, 134, Indianapolis, brother of Bobby, scored a T.K.O. over Tommy Mager, 136, Pittsburgh, in two minutes, 42 seconds of round three of the scheduled four-round opener.

The show drew 3,500 fans with a net gate of $6,500.

Chuck Taylor, 145, veteran Ford City, Pa., welterweight, ran into a surprise package in the person of tough Rudy Zadelle, 145, of Akron and dropped a split-decision to the rugged Ohioan in the ten-round main event at Zivic Arena on June 15. Zadelle took the best Taylor had to offer and kept coming in with a diversified attack to the head and body. Had Taylor not injured his left hand early in the bout and had not Referee Sesto taken the fourth and sixth rounds from him for low blows, the result would have been different.

Three ten-rounders was the bill-of-fare on this Rooney-McGinley Club show and in the second ten, Rusty Payne, 181, San Diego, Cal., dropped Lin Brozier, 180, Pittsburgh, twice for eight counts and when it was apparent that he was out on his feet, the referee halted the contest in 2:42 of the third round.

Jack Besselman, 149, Pittsburgh, outstanding local welterweight, proved that he can take care of the southpaws by stopping Frank Moran, 147, New Castle, Pa., in the seventh round. Moran went down for nine in the first and nine in the third from terrific rights to the mid-section and after taking a severe body beating in the sixth, was unable to answer the bell for the seventh round. Besselman is definitely ready for the best in the welterweight division.

Jackie Botnovich, 150, Rochester, Pa., protege of Eddie Yarosz, looked good in winning the unanimous decision over Elmer Jennings, 150, Pittsburgh, in the four-round curtain-raiser.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By RAY COFFIN

BOXING in this section is virtually dead at the present time with only a few outdoor shows going every week. . . . Fistic fans are looking forward to the Fall season, which promises to be a banner one. . . . Tiger Ted Lowry, former New England light-heavyweight king, got back into the limelight with a draw decision with former ranking heavyweight Lee Oma in New York. Ted is one of the best punchers in the game today.

New Bedford—Aggressive Teddy "Redtop" Davis, 135, Brooklyn, N. Y., gained a split ten-round decision over veteran Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 134, Boston, in the initial bout of the outdoor season at Cawley Stadium before a disappointing gathering. Armstrong had the better of the early going, but Davis rallied in the closing rounds to nab the verdict. Johnny Luz, 150, New Bedford, won a drab six-round semi-final from Billy Paul, 150, Boston. Jackie Morris, 162, Roxbury, outpointed Jose Contreas, 156, Fall River, six, and in two scheduled fours, Charley Pappas, 150, Dorchester, kayoed Lou Lowther, 149, New Bedford, in one, and Frankie Fay, 137, New Bedford, stopped Lou Paul, 140, Boston, in three.

Salem—Banging his outclassed foe at will, Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, 130, Boston, New England featherweight champion, stopped Isaac Thomas, 130, Bangor, Me., in the fourth round of their scheduled ten-round windup at the North Street Arena. It was Hayes' 13th straight win. Bob Quinn, 182, Dorchester, kayoed Pete Moore, 179, New Bedford, in the first round of the semi-final. Nel Girard, 127, New Bedford, decisioned Eddie Berry, 126, Brockton, Mass., in six, and Walter Gomes, 139, New Bedford, fought a six-round draw with Timothy King, 134, Quincy, six.

Portland, Me.—Veteran middleweight Henry Chemel, 162, Portland, had too much ring savvy for willing Horace Bailey, 159, Biddeford, Me., and won an easy ten-round decision at the Exposition Building. In the six-round semi-final Phil Roderick, 153, Lewiston, Me., outpointed Ted Brassley, 154, Portland.

Worcester—Golden Boy Dave Andrews, 145, Lowell, hammered Dom Sinibaldi, 143, Berlin, N. H., Granite State king, into submission in the third round of a scheduled ten-rounder at the Auditorium before a small gathering. It was Andrews from the opening bell. Johnny Melko, 190, Worcester, easily defeated James Patrick Connolly, 209, Cambridge, Mass., in eight rounds, and Johnny Best, 125, New Bedford, edged Jimmy Lamprey, 126, Worcester, in four.

Worcester—George Bradford Smith, 140, Haverstraw, N. Y., had nothing more than a workout at Mechanics Hall as he registered a two-round knockout triumph over Walter Peddie, 137½, Jersey City, N. J., in thes lated 10-round windup. A terrific right-hand shot to the jaw was the finisher. Mario Rucci, 138, Worcester, stopped Lou Paul, 141, Boston, in the fourth, to avenge his only setback in his pro career. Billy Paul, 149, Boston, decisioned Charley Pappas, 150, Dorchester, in six rounds.

New Bedford—"Tiger" Ted Lowry, 180, New Haven, Conn., former native son, returned to Cawley Stadium to administer a two-round kayo defeat to Eddie Jackson, 209, Los Angeles, Cal., in the feature contest in the second outdoor show of the season. Lowry belted Jackson with repeated body punches in the first round and dropped his foe with a stiff left hook to the midsection and it was all over, just after the second-round bell sounded. In the six-round semi-final, Jackie Morris, 163, Roxbury, stopped Joe Smith, 160, Boston, in three. In another six, Charley Russell, 142, Boston, outpointed Walter Gomes, 139, New Bedford.

Worcester—"Irish" Pat Shannon, 139, Everett, Mass., let go a series of right-hand smashes to the head and knocked out Oliver Desmarais, 135, Manchester, N. H., in the first round of their scheduled eight-round headliner at the Auditorium. The companion eight pitted popular Edgar Gallant, 131, Gardner, Mass., against up-and-coming Nel Girard, 129, New Bedford. Gallant copped the award after a rugged duel.

Salem—In a benefit performance for the Salem school children, Tommy Greb, 136, Boston, upset N. E. Featherweight Champion "Buddy" Hayes, 131, Boston, in ten hard-fought rounds at Bertram Field before some 4,000 fans. It was sweet revenge for Greb, who wiped out a previous defeat handed him by the Hub Irishman some time ago. In this encore battle, there was no doubt about the winner as Greb had a clear margin all the way. Pat Shannon, 139, Everett, Mass., added the veteran Archie Goodbie, 140, Hartford, Conn., to his list of victims in the eight-round semi-final.

Lewiston, Me.—Hermie Freeman, 140, Bangor, Me., repeated an earlier victory over Al Couture, 141, Lewiston, after winning the 10-round decision before a large crowd at the City Hall.

New Bedford—Giant heavyweight from Boston, Johnny Shkor, 216, making his Whaling City debut, fared well with a four-round T.K.O. triumph over Oscar Goode, 193, Newark, N. J., before 1,400 fans at Cawley Stadium. A bad cut under Goode's left eye forced Referee Ed McDonald to halt the action. Up until then Shkor held a slight advantage over his smaller foe, who was constantly forcing the issue. Frankie Fay, 131, New Bedford, knocked out Eddie Polo, 135, Lowell, in the fourth round of the six-round semi-final. Jackie Morris, 162, Roxbury, and Jose Contreas, 160, Fall River, went to a six-round draw.

Worcester—Johnny Potenti, 151, Worcester, made it six in a row since coming out of the Navy with an easy ten-round decision over city rival Tiger Flowers, 149, in an interesting go at Mechanics Hall. It was a good fight with the Grafton Hill Italian holding the upper hand all the way. Mario Rucci, 137, Worcester, scored his seventh straight kayo victory with a three-round kayo over Lou Paul, 141, Boston. Mickey Lane, 157, Boston, stopped Dick Ferrick, 160, Worcester, in three rounds.

Boston—In one of the best amateur boxing tournaments held here in years, contestants from flyweight to heavyweight battled for positions on the United States Olympic Boxing team which will participate in London in July, at the Boston Garden.

After two days of rugged encounters, the following emerged victorious: Frank Sodano, Philadelphia, flyweight; William Bossio, Pittsburgh (U. S. Navy), bantamweight; Edward Johnson, Kansas City (U. S. Army), featherweight; Wallace Smith, Cincinnati, lightweight; Horace Herring, St. Petersburg, Fla. (U. S. Navy), welterweight; Washington Jones, Lovejoy, Ill. (U. S. Army); middleweight; Charles Speizer, Detroit, light-heavyweight; Jay Lambert, West Jordan, Utah, heavyweight.

Of the recently-crowned National A.A.U. champions, only little Frank Sodano made the Olympic team.

New Bedford—New York's club-fighting lightweight with the potent right-hand wallop, Teddy "Redtop" Davis, continued his win streak in New England rings with a five-round T.K.O. victory over game Romeo Ouimet, 137, Montreal, in the feature bout at Cawley Stadium. Davis hammered consistently at the Canadian until he couldn't go on at the end of the fifth. Johnny Luz, 151, New Bedford, defeated Charley Pappas, 150, Boston, in the six-round semi-final. It was a hard fight. Jackie Morris, 161, Roxbury, outpointed Jose Contreas, 160, Fall River, in another six.

Worcester—The three-bout win spree in Worcester compiled by George Bradford Smith, 139, Haverstraw, N. Y., was halted at the Auditorium by Dave Andrews, 142, Lowell, former N. E. welterweight champ, when the latter captured an easy ten-round decision before a small crowd. Smith was dropped four times during the fray.

Portland, Me.—Vic Young, 136, Biddeford, Me., evened an old score with the veteran Jean Barriere, 140, Montreal, after gaining a two-round kayo triumph at the Exposition Building. A series of right-hand blows to the head did the trick.

Waterville, Me.—Phil Roderick, 154, Lewiston, Me., and Tiger Ted Brassley, 150, Portland, Me., battled to an eight-round draw in the main bout before a good outdoor crowd.

New Bedford—In a closely-fought encounter, Nick Stato, 133, Hartford, Conn., outpointed "Young" Junior, 132, Springfield, in the windup of ten rounds at Cawley Stadium. It was one of the fastest bouts seen here in some time. Frankie Fay, 135, New Bedford, looked good in beating Lou Bell, 133, Lowell, in a wild scrap. Eddie Ross, 173, Montreal kayo artist, stopped Jerry Nource, 176, Hartford, Conn., in the first round. Ross, by this triumph, remains undefeated in the States. Archie Goodbie, 139, Hartford, Conn., gained the decision over Eddie York, 143, Boston, in six-rounds.

Fall River—In the first outdoor bout of the season, New England Welterweight Champion Johnny Cesario, 145, Boston, punched out a close decision over tough Henry Jordan, 145, Baltimore, before 1,500 fans at the Fall River Stadium. Nero Ferry, 124, Fall River, outpointed Ray Dulmaine, 131, Worcester, in the semi-final of six rounds. Jackie Wilson, 151, Quincy, decisioned Jose Contreas, 154, Fall River, in six. Andy Bishop, 129, Fall River, kayoed Jerry Cannon, 127, Montreal, in the third heat.

Waterville, Me.—Hard-punching Al Evans, 160, Montreal, knocked out Ray Chambers, 158, Albion, Me., in the second round of their scheduled eight-round windup bout.

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PHILADELPHIA NOTES

With ARCHIE PIROLLI

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—Agostinho Guedes, 186, Palmerton, floored Melvin McKinney, 179, New York, for a count of eight in the seventh round to win an eight-round decision. Dan Bucceroni, 174, Philadelphia, won on a T.K.O. over Booker Robinson, 178, Norristown, in the second round. Bob Caldwell, 165, Philadelphia, and Carlos Rodriques, 164, Allentown, drew in four rounds, and Joey Bell, 126, New York, and Lee Young, 124, Philadelphia, also fought a four-round draw.

Allentown: Jimmy Holden, 185, Newark, N. J., outpointed Agostinho Guedes, Palmerton, Pa., 187, to win an eight-round decision in an outdoor bout. There were no knockdowns. Holden made excellent use of a left hand to open cuts over both Guedes' eyes.

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EIRE NEWS

By FINBAR BARRY

THE fight for the heavyweight championships of Eire resulted in a win for Gerry McDermott, of Dublin, who ko'd Paddy Quirke of Tipperary, in the second round. McDermott was much the harder puncher and never gave Quirk a chance.In the second, McDermott tore from his corner and with a murderous right, dropped Quirke for nine. The latter on arising was groggy and following an exchange, was floored for four. Gamely the Tipperary man arose again, but McDermott, showing no mercy, again floored him, on this occasion with a left hook. He again climbed to his feet and was actually fighting back when he ran into another right which dropped him for the full count. Thus we have a new heavyweight champion of Eire, the first since the Eire Boxing Board of Control decided to vacate the title after Martin Thornton's poor display against British Champion Bruce Woodcock in August, 1945.

On the same card which, incidentally, was held at Tolka Park, Dublin, Willie Gifford beat Con Caffrey in two rounds at 126 lbs. Sean Phillip decisioned Siki O'Neill, Dublin . . . . . in the lightweight class Tom Burns beat Alf Harris, who retired after five heats.

At Romford, Derry Nagle, the Cork featherweight, ko'd A. Dykes, Nottingham, in the fifth.

Tommy Smyth, Mayo, knocked out George Barret in the first round of their heavyweight battle.

In the flyweight class Hugh Byrne, Dublin, was outpointed by Billy Birch, Belfast.

Paddy Dowdall, Eire 135 lbs. king ko'd Benny Norman, Dorchester, in the fifth round . . . . . Welterweight Mickey Talbot won a clear points victory over Albert Norman.

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MARITIME PROVINCES AND ONTARIO, CANADA

By C. W. STEELE

PETE ZADUK, who outpointed Len Wadsworth, Canadian Middleweight Champion, in a non-title bout may see action in the Maritime Provinces.

Alan McFater, the Ontario Amateur pride, is only seventeen years of age and competent observers predict a bright future for the fistic flash.

A lull has been noted in boxing conditions in the Maritime Provinces, with the exception of the two Maritime "Millionaire" clubs, Halifax and Glace Bay, N. S., where they have a larger population to draw from and high admission prices are in effect. The other spots are not so fortunate. High rentals, amusement taxes, a limited population and fighters asking terms away out of proportion to their ability, are giving promoters a tough time.

Stellarton, N. S., Percy Paris, New Glasgow lightweight, stopped Kid Adshade of Glace Bay in a roughhouse affair in the eighth round.
In the semi-final six, Welterweight Sheldon Campbell of Pictou outpointed Frankie Garnier of Halifax, N. S.

Blair Duggan, 168 of Charlottetown, P.E.I., surprised in stopping Gordie Snodgrass in round one at Chatham, N. B. This was the feature bout.

"Kid" Howard of Halifax, continues his winning way. Down for a nine count in the opening round, Howard came back to outrough and outpoint Tony Riccio of Boston in ten rounds at the Halifax Arena. Howard weighed 130 and Riccio, 129. Blaine Hayden, Springhill Welterweight chilled Frankie Garnier of Halifax, in 3 in the semi-windup. Results of the Prelims — Keith Paris outpointed Jimmy Steeves in four rounds (featherweights) and Cobey McCluskey drew with Ossie Farrel in a four round middleweight contest.

Charlottetown Forum—Ace McCluskey stopped Eddie LeTourneau in seven rounds. The Maine battler furnished stiff opposition until McCluskey connected with solid smashes to end the affray.

Georgie Ross, New Waterford, outpointed Tommy Spencer, 150, in ten rounds at the Miners Forum, Glace Bay, N. S.

Halifax wrestling fans must have seen everything when Tuffy Truesdale threw Rodney III a real live alligator.

A Canadian Promoter has closed in the ring with chicken wire to prevent the performers from going through the ring.

Canadian fighters unattached should contact the writer. Should you be seeking action, get in touch with me. Act now. Write 197 Charlotte St., Sydney, N. S.

IN BRITISH GUIANA

By STAN SANTOS

YOUNG JOE LOUIS, 144, was crowned welterweight champion of British Guiana, when he convincingly defeated Young Gibbs, 144¾, on points, at the London Cinema, Georgetown.
Young Braddock, of Trinidad was knocked out by Young Jensen of B.G., in 2:20 of the third round. Jensen weighed 123 pounds, Braddock 120.
The six-round preliminary between Young Joe Baski 137, and Billy Welch, 134, proved very fast and thrilling. Baski gained the decision, unanimously.
In a four-rounder Kid Pompey stopped Frank Jones in the third round.

An enormous crowd at the Olympic Stadium, Georgetown, saw Freddo Simmons, 131¾, K.O.'ed by Deman Singh, 135, in the tenth round for the vacant lightweight title. This was more or less a see-saw battle, in which both boys took counts of nine in the third and fourth rounds.
In another feature bout, the referee wisely disqualified Young Gibbs, 151, for throwing Len Houston, 146, out of the ring in the fourth round.
Young Zivic, 144, stopped Duncan Blair, 141, in the fifth due to a severe cut over Blair's eye.
Billy Welch, 133, stopped Kid Charles in the first round.
Young Baski, 135¾, won from Fred Smith, 125, by a very narrow margin in the six-round contest.
Al Brown, 123, gained a unanimous decision over Danny Payne, 127, in their four-round affair.

All of these fights were broadcast over Station ZFY, from the ringside of the stadiums. It was the first time this has ever been done in British Guiana and the Caribbean. Mr. Ricks Evans and Bill Crombie did an excellent job, giving a blow-by-blow description of each contest. They were aided by Ivan Saunders, who gave highlights of the fighting at the end of each round.

Young Joe Louis of British Guiana knocked out Ortes Diego, welter champ of San Domingo, in the sixth round of their non-title bout at Swingsters Square Garden, in Aruba.

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TOM SHARKEY

IF Tom Sharkey had been born under a lucky planet, he would be showing the modern heavies the shooting stars. The sailor swatter was, essentially, a puncher. When he was at his best, the competition was too keen. His rivals were Jim Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Gus Ruhlin. Sharkey gave Jeff the Californian's hardest battle, viz., twenty-five sessions. He was superior to a number of the heavy champs.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

DANNY RUGGERIO, 148, and Chico Pacheco, 150¼, went ten wild and woolly as well as bloody rounds to a draw at the Coral Gables Coliseum, where Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., and Tommy DeTardo are promoting. The Brooklyn Blockbuster and the Brazilian Bomber gave and took with no mercy asked in this melee. They had the crowd in a frenzied state from start to finish. Ruggerio showed his grit after taking a beating in the first half to stage a comeback that was good enough to tear down the lead that Pacheco had built and earn a draw. A make-sure tenth-round rally decided this vote although he received one of the official's favor as the winner while the other two called it even. The boys punched hard and often, blood and cuts being well represented in the picture. Neither fighter would give in but something eventually did, Pacheco's blows, losing much of their steam while Ruggerio's strength appeared to carry him on. Rough-housing was also in session as Danny back-handed and Chico thumbed while in close quarters. The promoters had a sweet undercard to serve as appetizer, and the semi-final sixer between Snooks Howard, Charlotte, 140½, and Joe Legon II, 137½, of Tampa, provided action to suit the fans. Howard got off to a nice start but had trouble with Legon in other rounds. A last round effort for a knock-out proved futile for Legon, and Howard took the nod. Billy Lima, 123, TKOed Jimmy Powers, 130, in the third, after the medico, Dr. W. W. Davies said Jimmy's left eye was bad. Lima sent Powers to the canvas in the second round and later threw a straight right that opened the New Jersey boy's eye. Ray Starr, Bay City, Texas, 154 pounder, kayoed Milton Thomas, 160, of Tampa, in four.

AT MIAMI: Branded a very good card by Billy Regan, the Miami Boxing Commission secretary, the triple decker between Fist Devers and Chico Pacheco, George Henley and Red Cameron, Bobby Dykes and Billy Spangler, certainly proved it's worth to an almost full house.

Devers, 150, gained the respect of his opponent, Pacheco, 151, and the admiration of the crowd with his great and spirited rally after taking a beating from the Brazilian, especially in the fourth round. Fighting back with a body attack, Devers managed to catch up with Pacheco and evened himself to secure a draw.

In another ten-rounder, Heavyweights Georgie Henley of Jacksonville and Red Cameron of Miami gave the fans plenty to crow about. More than Red's triumph was Henley's game showing that took the glory in this big boy tilt. Cameron and Henley were not in too good condition but had enough in them to finish the ten and Red's experience proved the deciding factor.

Ernie Mason, 175, from Washington, D. C., took a four-rounder from a trying Paul Alvey, 165½, of Fort Pierce.

AT ASHEVILLE, N. C.: In a rugged struggle between two belting middleweights, one was sure to wear out from punishment and that is just what happened in the Bill Cassaway-Guy Brown embroglio. It wound up with Cassaway winning a TKO in the seventh when Brown refused to come out for that round. Ron Harper slapped a sleep potion to Doc Campbell in the fifth heat of a welter-match.

A six-rounder went to Earl Kesterson, 149, who out-did Milt Hurley, 151; while Norman Gibson, 120, lost a four to Joe Kaizer, 124; and Lucky Fitzgerald, 132, won over Norman Swann, 136, in another four heater.

AT TAMPA: Scheduled to face Johnny Dupree of Tampa in a ten-round top go, Jim Bowden of Jacksonville had to be substituted for. Subbing for Bowden, Johnny Black, 170, of Jacksonville and Fargo, N. D., squared off with Johnny Dupre, 175, and lost the 10-round decision in another of their hectic matches. Dupree's triumph came because of a knock-down he scored. In fact, some fans believed Black actually won, despite his trip to the canvas.

In the semifinal tangle, a return with Blondy Baggett and Joe Leon II, both of Tampa, found these lightweights waging another close battle. Baggett's sharper punching won the narrow award for him.

Ralph Hughes, 170, Tampa, kayoed Lee White, 162, of MacDill Field, in the third heat. The soldier boy was a willing scrapper and game but Hughes had more on the howitzer. Pete Cimino, 153, beat Pat Petterson, 152, in six. Gregorio Perez, 135, defeated Jimmy Maddox, 132, in six. Juan Valdez, 109, bested Kid Papon, 110, in four.

AT ORLANDO: Billy Kinard, local 154 pounder, won a 10-round nod from Ray Hake, 142, in the feature bout.

In the semi-six, Tony Valdez, 140, Tampa, received his professional baptism with a decision over Jimmy Salda, 138, a Montana Indian of the Flathead tribe.

AT ORLANDO: Again heading in the feature presentation, Billy Kinard, 156, local swatter, kayoed Red Thomas, 156¾, in three. The six-round semifinal scrap saw Joe Legon II battle Ernest Nogues, both of Tampa, on even terms in their lightweight meet.

AT ASHEVILLE, N. C.: In the top spot, Bill Cassaway, Charleston, W. Va., 151, turned back Jimmy Hughes, 154, of Charlotte via a knockout in the second round.

The eight-rounder went to Joe Leonard, 151, Charlotte, who had height, weight and reach over game Doc Campbell, 141, of Greenville, S. C. It was a mismatch. Leonard won seven of the eight heats, while Campbell won the crowd.

Hoy Cuthbertson, 133, and Sammy Shamblin, 131, went six rounds to a draw. Roy Palmer, local pro entry, made his first bout a good win. He scored a two-round rough and tough affair over Earl Nelson. Norman Gibson, 119, won the opener, a four-rounder, from Glenn Norman, 117.

AT ASHEVILLE, N. C.: Art Bethea, a Washington, D. C., middleweight, found the loose link in Jumping Joe Green's armor and was able to decision the Asheville Negro boy in the feature ten-round tilt here. Bethea's win snapped Green's 18 straight streak, handing him his first loss in 19 bouts. The winner's experience proved Green's downfall. Both are middleweights.

The eight-round semifinal found Don Bowman, 127, giving Kid Bailey, 121, a fine lesson in the art of boxing. The winning fighter is from Knoxville, and the loser hails from Macon. A lively encounter ensued between Doc Campbell, 141, and Do Do Wright, same weight, with Campbell winning. Carl Chastain, 128, TKOed H. B. Justice, 125, in the third. Roy Palmer, beat John Ficker, 155, in four.

AT MIAMI: Jesus Villa, Havana middleweight, won another in Miami by taking Walter (Speedy) Duvall of Philadelphia into camp. Villa scored in 10. Due to Duvall's consistent holding, the bout was slow.

Baby Ray Jones won the eight-round semifinal, decisioning Honey Boy Williams in a lightweight go. Willie Ferguson, 161½, kayoed Lloyd Willis, 171½, in the first. Willis was doing okay until he got nailed, a right hand finding him. Vince Barnes, 144, won a knockout over Ray Lewis, 136¼, in two heats.

Welterweights Kid McGee and Alfonso Gilespe drew in a four rounder. A Negro presentation.

Alfonso Gilespe may or may not be Tony Gillespie of Philadelphia. The Miami Commission secretary, Billy Regan, sends in the first name, while the Miami paper carries the second name?

AT CORAL GABLES: Ernie Pelaia won as he pleased from his former stablemate, Gene Smith in a 10-round welterweight contest. Pelaia was the aggressor from the start and showed to advantage by beating Smith to the punch and tattooing the lanky Ohio boxer with body punches.

In the six-round bout between Billy Lima, 119, and Benny Rubin, 126½, a three-round TKO was turned in by Lima. Floyd Shiflett, 131, won a sixer over Ralph Ferrarra, 134. Ray Starr, 158, stopped Billy Brooks, 164, in the fourth. Knute Baker, 139¼, and Snooks Howard, 139½, went to a six-round draw. Felton Simmons, 110, beat William McDonald, 115, in a Negro four-round bout.

In the above Pelaia-Smith fight, Smith was a last minute substitute for Jesus LaMela. LaMela and his manager, Lou Perez (former fighter Lou Novarro) were suspended by the Coral Gables Boxing Commission for contract violation.

AT CORAL GABLES: Irish Johnny Kilday, scrappy Jacksonville welterweight, turned in the finest win of his career when he upset the favored Billy Decker, Hartford, Ct., 151-pounder, in the main event at the Coral Gables Coliseum. Kilday, now managed by Pete Leto, proved his new lease on fistic life in this first fight under Pete's care, showing improvement.

In the eight-round semifinal, Gene Smith was fed an easy one in Dick Leonard, in reality Harold Johnston of Jacksonville. Smith won a three-round kayo. The winner weighed 148, and the loser, 155. Johnston switched to another name because of confliction with another Jacksonville boxer, an amateur, bearing the same name. Still, it was a very bad night for Jacksonville boxers, as two more went down into defeat via the same route. Jake Smith, Hialeah, 138, stopped Tommy Peavie, 141, Jacksonville, in the second, while Benny Rubin, Miami featherweight, kayoed the smaller Johnny Johnson, 115, Jacksonville, in round three. (Peavie had fought and won in Jacksonville the night before.)

NOTE: To Miss Rachel Peralta, Tampa — You can reach Jimmy Burke by writing to Irwin Price, in care of the Victory Hotel, Savannah, Georgia.

AT GASTONIA, N. C.: Jimmy Hughes, a game Charlotte middleweight, took two rounds to plant Irish Johnny Taylor of Asheville to sleep. A right cross did it. Another kayo zoomed in a David and Goliath tangle with Brown Bomber dusting off Wallace Randolph in the first. Randolph outweighed the Bomber by 25 pounds, but nevertheless found himself on deck four times.

Freddie Masters, Gastonia, won a hard-fought eight-rounder semifinal from Early Hamilton of Mount Holly.

Jimmy Kelly took a six-rounder from Ted McFalls of Charlotte. A four-round bout went to Bob Cooper over Red Clewis.

Promoters and publicity men in Dixie with news and results of their boxing shows and fighters, are requested to send in their reports to this column for publication. Unattached fighters can also do well by contacting Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Phone 4-4526.

Doug Barnes, the former G.I. who gave boxing a great start in Orlando some months ago but dropped out of the picture after several shows because of his business, is back at it and will present Irish Johnny Kilday of Jacksonville with Orlando's best card, Billy Kinard.

AT MIAMI: Jimmy Curl continues to be the hottest thing around the Miami area. The Florida-Texas middleweight puncher scored his 20th straight win and 18th kayo with Fist Devers of Michigan, his latest victim. Devers subbed for Oswaldo Silva, who, it is said, was having "visa trouble" in Havana. The Michigan middleweight could only offer courage and about four good blows against Curl, who curled him for keeps in the third round.

The eight-round semifinal saw Ralph Hughes, Tampa light-heavyweight, kayo Jimmy Burke, West Palm Beach, 163¾, in two. Snooks Howard, Charlotte, 139½, beat Jake Smith, 137½, of Hialeah in a sixer. Knute Baker, Indiana welter won from Joe Legon II, Tampa, 138½, in six. Ernie Mason, Washington, D. C., heavy took a four-rounder from Frank Palscke, 178½, of Denmark. Bob Youso, Miami 169½ pounder, bested Paul Alvey, 164½, Fort Pierce, in four.

According to word by Billy Regan, secretary of Miami's fight commission, those who come in from foreign countries to box in the Magic City must be in town five to seven days before they have a fight slated. Other main event boys have to be in town two days before their fight goes on.

AT JACKSONVILLE: Hal Meredith, the southpaw welterweight from Macon, came to grips with Joey Dunne of Jacksonville in the main clash of 10 rounds, and for the third time showed he is the better man. Meredith's win was highlighted with a knockdown over the North Florida boxer, a body blow in the third.

Billy Dixon, 149, Macon, beat Jimmy O'Quinn, 138, Jacksonville, in the four-round semifinal. Marion Wooliver TKOed Charley Morrison in two heats of a featherweight clash. Kid Bailey stopped Billy Mullis, featherweights, in three. Tommy Thompson, 150, beat Al Hayes, 147, in four. James McDaniel kayoed Morris Jones in the second of a welter go.

It is interesting to note that in the ten shows presented at the Coral Gables Coliseum by co-promoters W. H. Peeples, Jr., and Tommy DeTardo, nine of the feature bouts have gone the required distance, while the other almost made it. The Ernie Pelaia-Danny Ruggerio dish, going nine rounds. This should be a big assist to the men staging the fights there. They must know their matchmaking.

THE MONTH'S BEST PROSPECTS: Middleweight Jimmy Curl and Welterweight Bobby Dykes.

AT MIAMI: A Negro show here saw Jesus Villa score a ten-round win in a good battle over Nat Ganie, both boys being middleweights. Another good tiff saw lightweights Baby Ray Jones come through with an eight-rounder over Jake Simmons. Will Ferguson, 160, bested L. C. Bransford, 169½, in a sixer. In another six between welters Vince Barnes caught Jodie Colbert with a right hand to win by a knock-out in the first. Kid Roberts, 146, was kayoed by Clarence Bethel, 136½, in two.

AT JACKSONVILLE: Before a packed house Buddy Scott, local heavyweight veteran, again gave Big Bill Wilson a lesson on in-fighting to take the 12-round decision. Several weeks ago, these two heavies hacked and whacked away with Scott the winner.

An eight-rounder, tabbed with the top bout as a double main event had Johnny Black of Jacksonville winning handily but forced to work very hard to decision over game Jimmy Hughes of Charlotte. Hughes scored a knockdown over Black during the melee. They stole the show easily.

In other bouts, W. H. (Billy) Bennett lost a welter match to Tommy Peavie in four. Walter Alvarez, 136, beat Jack Mullis, 136, in four. Johnny Walker, a welter, stopped Jack Loftin, 151, in four. Lamar Tate, 110, drew with Johnny Johnson, 114, in four heats.

AT MIAMI: Welterweights Bobby Dykes of Texas and Carl Sivers of Jacksonville met in the main event with Dykes coming out on top

with a five round TKO win when the commission doctor ordered the fight stopped as a result of Sivers badly cut and bruised eye.

Roy Evans, Tampa middleweight, and Ralph Hughes, Tampa light-heavy, met in a ten heater. Hughes rallied strongly to earn a draw with his rival. Ray Jackson and Jimmy Evans, both welters from Tampa fought to a listless six-round draw. Ernie Mason beat Johnny Paladone in a heavyweight four. Red Thomas, 160, TKOed Larry Lynn, 150½, in the second when Lynn received a bruised hand, that called for a halt.

AT MIAMI: Winning a ten-rounder from Johnny Black of Jacksonville, Roy Evans, hard hitting Tampa middleweight, knew he was in a fight. Evans, in the fourth round had his man practically out only to see the bell intervene. Black had gone down from a blazing short right to the button, and received a paralyzing right to the tummy on getting up at nine. This second knockdown would have taken the starch out of anyone, but Black, assisted ably by the bell came back to take the seventh, eighth and tenth rounds, while holding Evans evenly in the sixth. He had Evans going in the seventh heat. It was Roy's work in the earlier cantoes won him the fight.

Snooks Howard, 129½, Charlotte, beat Augie Yaratt, 123½, Louisville, in a sweet sixer. Knute Baker, Indian lightie, won from Ralph Ferrara, Mexico City lightweight, in another six. Ralph Kaplan, Brooklyn middleweight, stopped Bob Yousso, Miami light-heavy in five. Willie Alvey, 146, kayoed Rolando Munsell, 145, in two. Ernie Mason, heavyweight, outdid Jimmy Russo, 246½, in six.

The above mentioned six-rounder between Ernie Mason and Jimmy Russo was an experiment with the boys using 12-ounce gloves and head gear at the request of the promoter, Dave White.

Buddy Scott, Jacksonville heavyweight, has an offer from Johannesburg, South Africa, to box a return with Johnny Ralph there. Buddy fought there last year and Ralph was one of his opponents.

Any amateur boxing club in the South wishing to appear in Savannah or have a Savannah team show in their home town can make arrangements with Chic Witt of South Side Athletic Club, 111 West 57th Street, Savannah, Ga.

AT JACKSONVILLE—Carl Sivers, local welterweight, repeated a win over Baby Joe Diaz of Tampa in the ten-round mainer.

Jimmy Maddox was robbed of his fight with Joey Wasnick in the four-round semifinal. Both lighties.

Johnny Walker, 144, and Walter Alvarez, 136, fought to a draw in four. Tony Valdez, 141, and Jack Mullis, 135, also drew in four. Bill Hall, 138, lost to Morris Johns, 142, in four. Bill Mullis, 122, beat Tim Higginbotham, 120, in four.

Pete Andrews, Tampa fight manager who handled Lee Sala in 34 straight wins, is making Springfield, Massachusetts, his summer headquarters.

AT JACKSONVILLE: Joey Dunne and Johnny Carroll, Jacksonville welters, hooked up in a local rivalry with Dunne winning a ten-round nod. The winner was guilty on numerous occasions of using open gloves across Carroll's face.

Damon Nolan, 153, beat Johnny Walker, 145, in four. W. H. Bennett lost a four to Tommy Peavie in a welter go. Charlie Morrison, 122, TKOed Marion Wooliver, 128, in three. Billy Mullis, 122, and George Mrczykowski, 118, drew in four. Julius Luke, 118, beat Lamar Tate, 110, in four.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

HOUSTON fans who came out to see the champion, Dolph Quijano, make his local debut against Whitey Berlier, went away amazed at what they saw, and wondering how the tall El Paso 175-pounder had run up a long string of victories along the border. For Quijano showed very little ability in losing the title to Berlier, who bounced Dolph off the canvas with just about every assortment of punches in the book.

Three separate rounds saw Quijano flat on his back, and only the fact that Whitey tired badly, enabled Dolph to go the route, in which he displayed little offense, no defense and an extremely fragile chin. Berlier, incidentally, wouldn't be a bad sort of fighter if he were ever to get into shape, but he has tired badly in every one of his bouts here.

Irish Jimmy Curl, San Antonio's hard-hitting middleweight, showed the homefolks that heavyweights went down under his potent punches, the same as 160-pounders do, when he flattened tough Ernie Rios, California heavyweight, in 7 rounds.

The results of the month:

At Brownsville: Antonio Garcia, 155, kayoed Alejandro Garcia, 148, nine. Raul Gomez, 145, decisioned Pablo Ayala Miranda, 143, eight. Ray Mendoza, 125, decisioned Antonio, Gonzalez, 124, six. Abelardo Pena, 118, decisioned Agustin Fuentes, 118, four.

At McAllen: Ignacio Garcia, 160, kayoed Arturo Ortiz, 172, three. Claudio Arizpe, 130, decisioned Victor Garza, 126, six. Max Longoria, 136, decisioned Victor Lopez, 148, six. Eliseo Garza, 176, decisioned German Zuniga, 200, four. Roberta Garza, 127, decisioned Julio Garza, 122, four.

At Corpus Christi: Guadalupe Silvas, 138, kayoed Joe Robinson, 136, two. Jesse Martinez, 129, decisioned Abel Rodriguez, 132, four. Bill Wilson, 142, decisioned Pablo Gonzales, 147, six. Tony Elizondo, 162, kayoed Gus Aldridge, 158, four.

At Freeport: Sammy Bond, 134, tkayoed Eloy Uresti, 140, three. Abel Rodriguez, 137, tkayoed C. S. Rogers, 133, three. Jimmy DeLeon, 142, tkayoed W. L. Schlemmer, 144, two. Ray Penny, 144, decisioned Guadalupe Silvas, 146, six. Billy McCoy, 183, decisioned Carl Shobe, 186, six.

At Brownsville: Porfirio Prado, 143, kayoed Antonio Garcia, 152, five. Ramon Gaitan, 118, decisioned Abelardo Pena, 118, four. Guadalupe Guerra, 116, decisioned Magdalena Hernandez, 124, four. George Bennett, 150, kayoed Guadalupe Serna, 159, two.

At Dallas: Maurice McFarland, 140, kayoed Jesse Ballard, 144, three. Tommy Brown, 156, kayoed Lee Minor, 153½, two. Lloyd Williams, 134, decisioned Donald Meeks, 136, six. Pancho Medrano, 182, tkayoed Tommy LeNoir, 190, three. James Baggett, 115½, decisioned James Dunn, Jr., 120, ten.

At Houston: Frank Cockrell, 147, decisioned Kid Sweat, 148, four. Bill Filip, 195, kayoed Joe Marcantel, 200, one. Joe Garcia, 125, kayoed Bobby Wilcox, 130, three. Louis (Whitey) Berlier, 185, decisioned Dolph Quijani, 175, twelve.

At Corpus Christi: Gilbert Abrego, 120, and Ramon Gaytan, 116, drew, four. Johnny Sanchez Tellez, 131, kayoed Pedro Ramos, 132, one. Abel Rodriguez, 136, kayoed Francisco Gaytan, 131, two. Tommy Ramirez, 148, decisioned Otho Sligar, 148, eight. Chango Patino, 142, decisioned Porfirio Prado, 140, eight.

At San Antonio: Tony Bravo, 126, kayoed Bobby White, 128, three. Frank Castillon, 143, decisioned Frank Fuller, 147½, six. Felipe Aguilar, 148, decisioned Mitchell McGuire, 151½, six. Jesus Alonzo, 185¾, kayoed Eddie Lopez, 178, two. Jimmy Curl, 164½, kayoed Ernie Rios, 185½, seven.

At El Paso: Salvador Marez, 129, decisioned Vidal Gaytan, 127, four. Louis Rubalid, 136½, tkayoed Ignacio Godinez, 131½, two. Jacky Blair, 125, and Alvaro Estrada, 130, drew, six. Jesus Fonseca, 118½, decisioned Hector Marquez, 118, ten.

At Port Arthur: Jimmy DeLeon, 138, decisioned Eloy Uresti, 138, four. Jack Graham, 163, decisioned Olin Cloteaux, 157, four. George Ortiz, 124, decisioned Eddie Trevina, 122, six. Larry Rea, 144½, decisioned Ted Agapion 138¾, six. Manuel Santana, 128½, decisioned Johnny Longo, 126, ten.

At El Paso: Ernesto Rivas Acosta, 118, and Bernie Samaniego, 123, drew, four. Gerardo Muniz, 134, decisioned Antonio Alvarado, 133, four. Ray Perez, 145, kayoed Agapito Mendoza, 148, four. James Dunn, 121, decisioned Sammy Galvan, 127, six. Frank Angustain, 165, decisioned Joe Martinez, 163, ten.

At Dallas: Lee Minor, 153, decisioned Tommy Brown, 156, four. Lloyd Williams, 135½, decisioned Donald Meeks, 136, six. Hubert Gray, 148½, decisioned Abner Bedingfield, 156, six. James Baggett, 113½, decisioned Rodolfo Villanueva, 117½, ten.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

PROMOTER Harry Hartman opened the Cincinnati open air season officially on June 14.

In the feature bout, Jesse Underwood, Huntington, W. Va., lightweight tangled with Jimmie Woods of Cincinnati in a fast ten-round mill which Underwood took by a decision.

Ronnie Harper, Charleston, W. Va., lightweight gave Charlie Scott, Cincinnati, plenty of action to earn a six-round draw with the localite.

Kenny Sherman, Cincinnati knocked out Frankie Ivan, Columbus in 2 sessions of a welter tilt; Guy Miller, Huntington, W. Va., won from Holly Upchurch in 4 rounds of middleweight action. Bob Keeling 4-round tko'd Al Ferguson and Leslie Jones knocked out Jimmy Mitchell in one round. The latter two are 147 pounders.

Up in Dayton, Promoter Al Menachoff staged a show on June 21. In the top fracas, Charlie Banks, Cincinnati light heavyweight, easily beat Len Brosier of Pittsburgh in 10 rounds.

Charley Thompson, Dayton welter, and Doyle Upchurch of Indianapolis put up a sizzling six-round draw. Norman Horton, Dayton middleweight, took the six-round verdict from Sheriff Jackson of Columbus in a slam-bang battle. Dick Vest drew with Frankie Ivan in 4 and Melvin Bullen won from Jimmy Crishton in a sixer.

Rudy Zadell, Joe Basco's 20-year-old welterweight, moved up another notch in the fistic ladder on June 15th at Pittsburgh, when he put the skids to Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa., star's comeback, with Rudy copping the decision after 10 brisk rounds.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS . . . work is going right along on the new spacious Cincinnati Arena and last reports have it that the new arena will be ready for a Xmas show. . . . Dick Heffner, Alliance, O., manager, out of the game for two years due to illness, is back with a good colored 175-pounder in Rockey Jones. . . . Joe Seta, Cincinnati, manager, is punching along another good lightweight in Charlie Scott. Seta also is manager of Joe Discepoli, local lightweight. . . . Freddie Schott, Akron heavyweight, who has been idle for the past 12 months, is back in the game and is now doing his work for Red Hetzel, who managed Gorilla Jones some years back . . . my fight flash monthly service and the 1000 names-listed promoters and managers directory is available for one dollar each . . . write me at 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . this address available for all fighters who are without contract and wanting work in this locality and managers of good fighters. . . . Boxing lost an old timer in May when Johnny Brown, former good bantam of the thiries, died suddenly.

Alabama Kid's first American appearance in many years at Columbus, Ohio, on July 2 was a bad one, losing to Bob Amos in 10.

SPOKANE NEWS

By CHUCK HAINES

JACK POWERS moved his pro boxing outdoors for two fine shows in June with Wirt Ross's "Blonde Bomber," Freddy Beshore, pounding out an upset win over Tiger Jack Fox, to put a definite end to the long and colorful career of the old warrior. Beshore, though only a youngster of 23, fought a cagy, smart battle and won as he pleased.

In his other June outdoor show, Powers pitted Spokane's adopted son, Little Joe Velez, against classy Joey Ortega of Portland in a bout billed for the Northwest Lightweight Championship and Velez eased through to a very narrow win over the clever Mexican from Portland. In the semi-windup, Indian Dick Wolf of Portland came back strong in the latter rounds to earn a draw with Tuffy Desjardins of Calgary.

Each July show drew in excess of $8000 and the fight game hereabouts continues to boom.

About twenty-five boys have been working daily at the Haines-Morse gym. They represent all classes. Newcomers include Doug Lang of Michigan, Tommy Burns, Seattle 150-pounder, and Paul Kennedy, Yakima middleweight.

Al Cowan continued his knockout string by stopping Jackie Snell and Dean Abney on the two June shows. Brewing is a natural here.

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

TERRITORIAL Flyweight Champion Dado Marino won a unanimous decision over Jackie Turner, latest importation from Canada, in a tame 10-round fight held at the Honolulu Stadium.

The fight, following the Robert Takeshita-Al Medrano fight farce, left so much to be desired that the boxing commissioners, sensing the disgust of Honolulu's rabid fans, who have made this city one of the greatest fight towns in the world, went into a huddle and came out with a new policy concerning imported fighters to the Islands.

Hereafter an unknown fighter coming here "must present himself at the office of the Territorial Boxing Commission at least seven days prior to the scheduled date of his bout for licensing and physical examination; and his weight and sparring sessions must meet with the requirements of officials designated by the Territorial Boxing Commission.

"Any imported boxer with national or local reputation must present himself at the Territorial Boxing Commission office at least five days before the scheduled date of his match. Final approval of any bout will be contingent on a boxer meeting these requirements."

There's been quite a number of rulings concerning fighters in this category before but enforcement of such has been on the lax side if anything. However, this commission, headed by Dr. Paul Withington, aims to be more thorough in enforcing the rules of the new policy.

Coming back to the fight itself, the less said about it the better. It seemed Jackie Turner's sole aim in the fight was to go the route and in trying to do so he resorted to all his tricks of clinching and running, much to the disappointment of the fans. The fight should have been awarded to Marino in the third or fourth round when it became apparent that Turner wasn't trying at all. Instead it dragged on for the full 10 rounds and greatly provoked the ire of the 5,046 fans who paid $10,297.45 to watch what was supposedly a fight.

Dado Marino weighed in at 114½ to Jackie Turner's 113¼.

Promoter of the fight was Leo Leavitt.

Other results: Freddy Sylvano, 129½, repeated his victory of two weeks ago by TKOing Yasu Yasutak, 130½, in the 4th of 6.

Leroy Willis, lightweight, knocked out Johnny Ledesma in the 4th.

Billy Bolilan, 120, stopped Benny Legrimas, 121¼, in the 2nd.

Eddie Reyes, 122, decisioned Mamoru Hirota, 125¼, in the four-round opener.

Chico Rosa, local bantamweight champion and Hawaii's hope for a world's title, won the most important fight of his career when he barely outpointed Sandy Saddler, top contender for Willie Pep's crown, in a 10-round main event held at the Honolulu Stadium. The Leo Leavitt promotion drew one of the largest crowds in Honolulu's boxing history. 13,006 people attended the show for a gross gate of $31,141.50.

But for low blows in the 4th and 7th rounds which cost Sandy Saddler two important points, he could have been named winner. Even with this handicap there was some doubt as to the winner and quite a number of fans, including many sportswriters, thought a draw verdict a just one. The decision itself was split, with one judge and referee favoring Chico Rosa as winner.

Chased all over the ring by the over-anxious Saddler, Chico Rosa was content to counter-punch his way throughout most of the ten heats. Only in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, which he won, did Chico open up with an offense of his own. He landed some effective lefts to the head in these rounds but Saddler always came back fighting.

Saddler won the 6th, 9th and 10th rounds when Chico did very little fighting. The other rounds were scored even. To Saddler's credit was his aggressiveness but he missed so often trying for a hay-maker that he looked awfully bad in many instances.

At no stage of the battle was either fighter in danger of going down.

Chico Rosa did not look too impressive fighting as a featherweight and it should work to Chico's advantage to confine his fighting to the bantamweight class. He can easily make the weight limit.

Chico Rosa weighed 121¼ to Sandy Saddler's 124¼.

Other results: Gus Rosa, 115½, scoring a knockdown in the 2nd, won over Marino Tiwanak, 114¾, in a rounder.

Masa Hanagami, 117½, decisioned Mamoru Hirota, 124¾.

Mokey Hanagami, 117½, beat Billy Bolilan, 117¾, in 4.

Willie Brown, 114¼, edged out Jose Onacanim, 114, in 4.

Dado Marino, 112, leading contender for the world's flyweight crown, experienced absolutely no difficulty in retaining his Hawaiian title by polishing off challenger Marino Tiwanak, 111¼, with a vicious left to the jaw in 1:46 of the fifth round at the Civic Auditorium the night of June 1st. Sharpened for the title defense with three bouts on the mainland, Dado took command of the fight from the first round when he floored Tiwanak for a nine-count in that round and won all the rounds up to the finish by wide margins.

A surprisingly large house of 4,646 fans paid $9,557.25 to see the Leo Leavitt promoted card.

Other results: Yasu Yasutake, 130¼, the former Hawaiian knockout king, making a comeback, knocked out Mike Ines, 129½, in the first of six.

Lefty Quiocho, 131¼, upset Richard Cabral, 133¼, in a four round bout.

James Bothelo, 134¾, took an easy one over Arthur Frank, 133¾, in four rounds. Eddie Reyes, 119, decisioned Willie Brown, 115¼, in four rounds.

The eight-round main event between Pedro Jiminez, 158¾, of Vallejo, Calif., and Ike Patton, 158, held at the Civic Auditorium on June 8th, was stopped in the third round and declared a draw when Jiminez suffered a deep gash over his left eye, necessitating nine stitches as it later proved.

Up to the time the battle was stopped, Ike Patton seemed to have had slightly the better of the argument, but the margin was so slight and in view of the fact that Jiminez was finding the range and coming along fast, the judges and referee got into a huddle and called the bout a draw, a decision which proved quite in accord with the fans.

A small crowd paid about $3,200 to see the fight, which was promoted by Leo Leavitt.

Other results: Freddy Sylvano, 129¾, pulled the biggest surprise of the evening by knocking out favorite Yasu Yasutake, 129¾, in the first round of a scheduled five-round fight. A terrific right did the trick.

Jose Onacanim, 116, outpointed Johnny Perry, 117½, in a companion five-round bout. James Bothelo, 133¾, decisioned Henry Lee, 131¼, in four rounds. Mokey Hanagami, 119¼, T.K.O.'ed Salvador Torres, 121¼, in the third of four.

Robert Takeshita, undefeated in 28 professional fights, had one of the easiest battles of his career when his opponent, Al Medrano of Los Angeles, folded up after receiving a light blow behind his left ear and was counted out in the third round at the Honolulu Stadium on June 25. A crowd of 5,894 avid but disappointed fans paid $12,262.25 to witness the farce. Al Medrano at 135 and outweighed by a better fighter by 4¼ pounds, proved absolutely no match for the local pride. Medrano went on the defensive from the very start and stayed that way until warned in the third by the referee to do some fighting. Immediately after being warned he walked into a right and was floored for a nine-count. When he came up he was greeted by the blow behind the ear and that was the finale for the night.

Lightweight Freddy Sylvano added another upset win to his belt when he bested Tsuneshi Maruo in the six-round semi-windup.

Johnny Ledesma, 137¼, kept up his winning ways by knocking out Ken Maeshiro, 136¼, in 1:45 of the second round of a six-rounder. James Bothelo, 134, outpunched Richard Cabral, 136, to score a T.K.O. win in the fourth round.

In the four-round curtain-raiser, James Perry, 135½, knocked out Pete Rosado, 135¼, in the first round.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP
By CHARLEY PARRISH

AT GENEVA: Emil Bentz, French cruiser champ, whipped Momi Giusto on points.

AT TRIESTE: Tiberio Mitri, middles champ of Italy, scored over the North African cruiser, Ben Embarek. Mitri, recent winner over Jean Stock, has run out of opposition in Italy and is now taking on heavier men.

AT ANTWERP: In the middleweight competition in progress here, Baby Day, U.S.A., kayoed Max Salvi in two. Jean Wanes whipped Demeyer, Belgium, and Jean Dobiasch, Franco-Pole, outclassed Jim Roose, Belgium.

AT MELIN: Eugene Robert, Belgian heavy who showed much promise in the heavies competition, was clearly outpointed by Gilberto.

AT BORDEAUX: Ray Famechon, European feather king, whipped Leandre Mateos.

AT BRUSSELS: Willy Wimms, the Belgian welter, outscored Franco Molina of Spain, and Odon, also a welter, won over Jose Reverte, Spain.

AT TUNIS: Emile Famechon won on points over Tijani, champion of Tunisia. The contest was very fierce and even, the decision being hotly disputed. Andre Famechon also marred a victory over Arthur Riela by using his head frequently.

AT QUIMPER: Kid Marcel, veteran North African welter, scored over rugged Pierre Le Mentiec in a bruising bout.

AT ANTWERP: The middles competition continued with Lucien Caboche chilling Etienne Delannoit in three. Jury VII scored an upset by whipping the Dutch kayo expert Harry Bos, and Albert Heyen of Belgium followed suit by thrashing fragile Tony Toniolo. Aaron Wilson, American heavy, kayoed Louis Benoit in one.

AT ROTTERDAM: Gerrit Lefebre defended the Dutch cruiser crown by creasing Dorus Elten in five. Lefebre is a damaging hitter.

AT INNSBRUCK: Emanuel Clavel of France halted Lupp Norbert, Austrian middle king, in five heats.

AT ALGIERS: Andre Famechon showed little of his real class in outpointing Safrani and returned to the dressing room accompanied by jeers and boos. Emil Famechon forced Bellatreche to retire in the second round after a blow to the face. Something smells.

AT VERVIERS, BELGIUM: Jean Machterlinck, who recently defended his feather title successfully against Gus Laurent, outclassed Robert Rose.

AT VIENNA: Jo Weidin, Europe's white hope, flattened Francis Jacques in three stanzas. It is time Weidin found more competent opponents.

AT BARCELONA: Luis Romero, Spanish bantam king, whipped Mickey Mackay on points.

AT ANTWERP: Albert Heyen upset the dope again by whipping Jean Wanes, middles, and Joe Brun beat Dobiasch.

AT GENEVA: Pierre Le Mentec did well in winning over Janilli, the Italian welter, who fought so well against Villemain and Walzach. Ray Famechon beat lightweight Valdo Fusaro on points.

AT SEDAN: Andre Gonnet won over Frank Hermaz, lightweights.

AT CASABLANCA: Jean Stock pulled one out of the hat by causing Gus DeGouve to surrender in the seventh.

AT BERLIN: Fritz Garmeister of Konigsberg lost his German middles diadem to Jacob Schmidt of Hamburg.

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CONNECTICUT RING NEWS

By DON HAMILL

WITH the outdoor season off to a slow start, the action in Connecticut has increased over that of the previous month. The Hartford club, with Gus Browne at the helm, has been dark with the exception of one indoor show during the month. Browne has been treating the Hartford fans to weekly shows.

The New Haven Arena, which is air-conditioned, is running into some competition from a group of sportsmen calling themselves the Paramount A. C.

The Norwalk club has opened the outdoor season at the Crystal Arena with Ralph Ruta making the matches.

Some Plainville sportsmen ran a couple of shows at Tinty's Flying Ranch, one an all semi-pro card and the other headed by a pro bout, and decided to dabble in other things and forget about fistic promotions. The New London club has an ideal setup although the spot is indoors. The bouts are staged in the Ocean Beach Auditorium.

New Haven Arena — Experience proved the deciding factor when Tommy Collins, 124, Boston, Mass., and Irish Jimmy Rooney, 124, Bridgeport, tangled in the feature of eight rounds. The pair had slugged it out in a Pier 6 brawl for two rounds with honors about even. In the third, Collins dropped Rooney with a left hook for a nine-count. Rooney arose on rubbery legs and made the mistake of electing to slug it out with his more experienced foe. Collins battered Rooney at will until Referee Hughie Devlin of New London stepped in and called a halt.

Vic Cardell, 141, Hartford, flattened Marcel (Chico) Pacheco, 139½, Puerto Rico, with a vicious right to the jaw in the second round of the eight round co-feature. Dom Saia, 130, Boston, decisioned Willie Carryon, 131, New York, in six rounds. Kenny King, 140, Atlanta, Ga., punched too hard for the inexperienced Mickey Russo, 140, Danbury, and stopped him in the third of another six. In the opener, Mike Gillo, New Haven, scored over Jimmy Dellon, Bridgeport, after four ronds.

Hartford Auditorium — Eddie Compo, 129, New Haven, won nine out of ten rounds in taking the decision from Bobby Polowitzer, 131, East Hartford. Once Compo was kept to Polowitzer's style he took command and held it to the end. Referee Billy Conway scored it 49-39 for Compo.

Wilfredo Miro, 139, Havana, Cuba, scored a clean knockout with a long right hand flush on the jaw of Billy Morris, 143, Torrington, in the first round of the slated six-round semi-final. Sal DeMartino, 152, Hartford, battered Billy Copeland, 151, New York, into submission in the second heat. Dave (Little David) Seabrook, 151, Jacksonville Negro, stowed Billy Banks, 135, Washington, away with a left hook to the body. The show drew 1,453 fans who paid $2,331.75.

Norwalk — Crystal Arena — Joe DiMartino, 150, Bridgeport, took a ten-round decision from Chet Vinci, 155, Rome, N. Y. DiMartino scored effectively with a left jab and left hook while Vinci's efforts appeared intent on tying up Joe's right. The bout started slowly but picked up speed and interest as the fighters slugged it out toe-to-toe at times. Referee Joe Currie scored it 49-44.

George Fuller, 189, Norwalk, scored a first-round knockout over Ray Ransom, 187, Danbury, in the semi-final. Several rights under the heart and one to the chin toppled Ransom for count. Danny Falcone, 120, Manchester, stopped Frenchy LaCroix, 124, Hartford, in the fourth round of a sixer. Lou Mola, 122, Norwalk, belted out Earl Gordon, 124, Bridgeport, in the second heat. Danny Ventre, 160, Stamford, stopped Joe Karl, 155, Hartford, in two sessions.

Plainville — Tinty's Flying Ranch — Bobby Polowitzer, 131, East Hartford, won the six round feature over George Knox, 129, Newark, N. J. Knox was down for a count in the first round and was in trouble several times during the bout from left hooks to the jaw. The remainder of the program was made up of semi-pro bouts. A sparse crowd attended.

New London — Ocean Beach Auditorium — Jackie Armstrong, 140, Manchester, stopped Henry Polowitzer, 138, East Hartford, in the seventh round. After a poor first round Polowitzer gave Armstrong a bad beating in the second, third, and fourth rounds with a right uppercut. Armstrong rallied and had Polowitzer in such a dazed condition that Referee Hughie Devlin intervened in the seventh round.

Bobby Logan, 125, Hartford, knocked out Danny Falcone, 116½, Manchester, in the first round of the co-feature eight. Logan flattened Falcone with a right to the breadbasket after scoring a knockdown with a similar punch. The undercard was made up of semi-pro bouts 830 fans paid $1,243.

New Haven Arena — Dino Bleta, 128½, Canton, O., and Tommy Collins, 124½, Boston, Mass., put on a slugfest that went into the third heat before Collins was battered into submission. In the third round, the pair were battling away savagely with honors about even when suddenly Collins pitched forward. He managed to beat the count and tore into Bleta with a savage attack. Dino dumped him again for another nine count. Upon arising Collins again brought the battle to Bleta but as he was spilled for the third time Referee Billy Taylor of Hartford wisely called a halt.

Vic Cardell, 144, Hartford, disposed of Mario Marino, 141, New York, with a right hand to the chin in the first round of the co-feature eight. The remainder of the card was made up of four rounders. The results were: Ray Laurie, 151, Hartford, won over Mike Gillo, 152, New Haven; Mickey Banta, 137, New York, outpointed Henry Coleman, 135, New Haven; and Tony Acevedo, 127, New York, whipped Rocky Priore, 124, Meriden.

Stamford — Mitchell Field — Phil Burton, 146, St. Louis, scored a decisive eight-round verdict over Russell Richter, 146, Paterson, N. J. Burton scored effectively with a left hook. Referee Jim Peters of Torrington, scored it 40-33 in favor of Burton.

Bernie Dowd, 133½, Livingston, N. J., scored a six-round decision over Johnny White, 135, Jamaica, N. Y., in the semifinal. Eddie Marmo, 163½, Paterson, edged out Jim Jackson, 158½, New York, in a closely fought six-round bout. Danny Ventre, 163½, Stamford, and Armand Machin, 163, New York, ended up all even after four thrill-packed rounds. Stamford's Bobby Arnold, 158½, was halted by Johnny Williams, 160, Passaic, N. J., in the second round. Arnold had previously scored four straight kayoes in as many pro fights. Davey Lewis, 120¾, Paterson, dropped the four-round opener to Jimmy Cirilla, 125, Newark, N. J.

Norwalk — Crystal Arena — Eddie Compo, 128, New Haven, continually beat Jose Aponte Torress, 124, Puerto Rico, to the punch to win all eight rounds of their fight. Torres was dropped in the second from a series of punches. Referee George Fitch scored the bout 40-31 for Compo.

Art Tatta, 160, New Haven, stopped Joe Lockwood, 155, New York, in the second after scoring a knockdown and punishing him badly. Tatta punched his way out of clinches and proved too strong for Lockwood. Walter Keyes, 126, Brooklyn, handed a licking to Lou Mola, 122, Norwalk, in four rounds. Johnny Edwards, New Haven, halted Paul Luongo, 173, Norwalk, in three heats. Buddy Palmer, 136, Norwalk, scored a four-round decision over Roy Cuthbertson, 135, Brooklyn.

New Haven Arena — Bernie Reynolds, 180, Fairfield, lifted the New England heavyweight crown off the aging head of Nathan Mann, 189, Hamden, when he stopped the veteran in the fourth round. Reynolds opened up a body attack in the third round which slowed Mann down. At the outset of the fourth round a right hand bounced off Mann's jaw. Seeing how badly shaken he was, Reynolds was quick to follow up his advantage. Another right dropped Natie for a nine count. Bernie then opened a fusilade of punches that belabored Mann so badly that Referee Billy Conway stepped in and called a halt.

Joe Dominic, 182, Springfield, stowed Teddy Harrison, 176, Aiken, S. C., away in the first round with body blows. Ray Ransom, 184, Danbury, finished off Frankie Reid, 191, New York in the second of another sixer. Vic Cardell, 142, Hartford, banged out a six-round duke over tough Teddy Prichett, 145, New York southpaw. Bobby Arnold, 160, Stamford, ended up second best to Bob Jefferson, 162, New York, after four rounds of milling.

Norwalk — Crystal Arena — Johnny Rice, 165, Stamford, gained a close decision over John Caberilli, 167, New York, in the eight-round feature. Caberilli was a last minute substitute for Tony Masciarelli. Rice scored two knockdowns in the fifth heat but Caberilli's experience kept him out of further danger.

Mario Cabrera, 136, Norwalk, belted out Jackie Armstrong, 139, Manchester, in the fifth round of the semi-final. Armstrong was saved by the bell at the end of the second. Mel Williams, 144, New York, knocked out Cookup Vento, 148, Westport, in the first round. Roy Cuthbertson, 135, Brooklyn, won a four-round decision over Henry Coleman, 135, New Haven. Mickey Russo, 138, Danbury, defeated Walter Keyes, 136, New York, in four rounds.

New London — Ocean Beach Auditorium — Bobby Logan, 127, Hartford, received a draw decision with Jose Aponte Torres, 124½, Puerto Rico, which was not altogether popular. Most of the fans thought that Torres was entitled to the verdict.

The pair battled toe-to-toe from the fifth to the finish with honors about even. Referee Eddie Reed of Hartford saw it all even. The undercard consisted of semi-pro bouts. A crowd of 872 paid $1,316.25.

Here and There Around The State — Angelo (Cookup) Vento, Norwalk welterweight, was presented a robe by Saugatuck Vets Civic League, just before he was belted out by Mel Williams in Norwalk. The Charter Oak Gym in Hartford had to close up when a dress shop received a lease on the premises. This leaves the Auditorium Gym for the boys who are uninterested in traveling to New Britain to train. . . . Tinty's Flying Ranch in Plainville has been the scene of several other sporting events but the boxing club folded up after two unsucessful ventures. . . . George Sheppard, popular New Haven matchmaker, staged some corkers during the month the best of which was the knockout scored by Dino Bleta over Tommy Collins. Bleta looked like a miniature Jack Dempsey in blasting Collins out of the picture. . . . Sam Manley and Joe McKenna are the men behind the guns in the Stamford club. Their initial show was a success. . . . Hard-hitting Bobby Arnold of Stamford bowed out of the limelight with two defeats. He had previously scored four straight knockouts. . . . Bobby Mele is keeping his stable going.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

By JOHN L. HABIB

ONCE again a very large crowd turnd out to see Holman Williams, an American boxer, give a disappointing show at the New Mucurapo Stadium.

The main event of the night was between Holman Williams, 165¾, and Gentle Daniel, 170, Trinidad and West Indian Light-heavyweight Champion. Daniel, who won on points, showed very good form against Williams in every round. Williams was saved from being knocked out through ring experience. The large crowd which turned out to view the show booed the fighters for more action after the third round. Daniel, who hither-to had backed away from his opponent, marched into the one time top-ranking boxer and unleashed a merciless onslaught of lefts to face and body, but only now and then Williams would return a compliment to Daniel. Daniel missed many a punches, especially after Williams was beaten into bad shape in the fourth round. The Champ's straight lefts to Williams head often slipped or blocked, which shows that Williams is an experienced boxer and a one-time top ranker.

In the 10-round semifinal, Fearless Freddie, 130, outpointed Kid Blyce, 125. This fight happened to be the best on the card as both fighters were in very good condition and form, the both boys came out fighting mad in the first and second rounds and it was also the same in the rest.

In a six-round preliminary Baby Face Daniel, 120, kayoed Speedy Collins, 118, in the third round. Collins, who is noted for speedy and clean boxing, tried his best against Baby Face in the first and second rounds, but in the third, a terrific right to Collins forehead ended the fight.

In the six-round opener Kelvin Phillips, 153, won over Whitling Semper, 157. The boxing fans laughed their bellies out when both boys started throwing leather from all angles from the first to the sixth rounds.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA

By J. D. BUCHAN, D.C.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA—(Carson Hot Springs Arena) Dean Hubbard, 160, former holder of many navy titles, made his professional debut here by scoring a T.K.O. over "Gentleman" James Jim, local Indian lad, in the eighth canto. Jim made a good stand but Hubbard's greater experience and heavier artillery proved too much.

In the six-round rematch between Cecil McElroy, Negro middleweight, and Leslie Eben, Indian lad from Nixon, Nevada, the Indian southpaw disposed of his clowning opponent in the second stanza.

In the preliminaries, all scheduled for four rounds each, Earl Dunn, of Nixon, Nevada, former state G.G. welter champion, made his pro debut and scored a second-round K.O. over Billy Cox of Gary, Indiana; Louie Barrardo of Battle Mountain, Nevada, scored a K.O. over southpaw Chester Farmer of Reno in 1:40 of the first, and Ralph Lewis of Battle Mountain scored over Jackie Gilmore of Reno by a T.K.O. in the first.

Dick Waters, owner of Carson Hot Springs, is the promoter with Ned Crutcher, boxing coach at the Stewart Indian School, doing the matchmaking. Cards will be held about once a month.

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IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

JOEY DE JOHN, 155, Syracuse middleweight, advanced one more notch up the fistic ladder, when he decisioned the well-known Sonny Horne, 160, of Niles, Ohio, in a ten-round battle at MacArthur Stadium. It took two nights to complete the contest, rain causing a postponement after two rounds, making it necessary to hold over the bout for the second evening when the boys fought the remaining eight rounds. DeJohn took five rounds and Horne three. Horn proved an aggressive two-handed worker, but was vulnerable to left jabs, and Joey fed him plenty all the way. Horne's best round was the tenth and last when he went all-out for a knockout. But Joey took all that came his way in this stanza, retaliating with a barrage of lefts and rights at the bell.

The two-night shindig drew gross receipts of $11,747 with 6,184 fans paying for tickets. Thus the postponement boosted the attendance slightly, as 5,875 had paid for the first night's scraps. This was the first time in Syracuse boxing history a show was called off after the main event started, and finished the following night. A torrential downpour, occurred several years ago in the fourth round of a sizzling light-heavyweight brawl between Ralph DeJohn and Newsboy Millich, but the rivals battered away six more rounds in the rain to a finish. Millich removed his ring shoes to prevent slipping, fighting five of the rounds in his socks!

Sonny March, 157, Niles, Ohio, outpointed rough, tough Hugo Bonacci, 159, Syracuse, in an exciting, bloody six-rounder. Hugo had March apparently on the way out in the third but the visitor came back and took the play away from Hugo. March had Bonacci down for nine in the second and both went down from simultaneous punches in the third. Don Compo, 157½ Syracuse, stopped Vergo Porter, 158, Elmira, in the first round of a scheduled four. These two bouts were staged the first night, along with two rounds of the DeJohn-Horne windup.

On the second evening, prelims resulted as follows: Frankie Muche, 131, Niles, Ohio, outslugged Joey Kushner, 130, Syracuse veteran, in the eight-round semi-final. Muche had too much class for Joey whose portside swings were stymied by Frankie's trick of staying in close and ruining Kushner's best shots, Oscar Boyd, 165, Buffalo, was given a draw with Les Siebert, 162, Jersey City, after six rounds, although the general consensus of opinion was that Boyd was the actual winner. Sam Slaughter, 158, Wilkes-Barre, decisioned Leo West, 160, Albany, in a four.

Showing plenty of speed, class and punching ability, Nick Barone, 171, Syracuse star, decisively defeated J. C. Wilkens, 172, New York, in ten rounds at Dunn Field, Elmira. Barone kept on top of Wilkens all the way, outpunching and outboxing the Gothamite.

Trailing on points entering the eighth round, Cliff Hart, 148¾, Syracuse, scored a technical knockout over Mickey Savage, 148½, Detroit, to win their scheduled ten-round battle at MacArthur Stadium before only 1,870 fans, who paid $3,200 to see the scrap. Hart opened a deep cut over Savage's left eye in the eighth, the cut bleeding so profusely, the club physician, Dr. Charles Heck, ordered the bout stopped.

Johnny Rowe, 137½, fighting Rochester newcomer, won the decision over Harry Marshall, 138, Detroit, after eight hard fought rounds. This was one of those rapid-fire punching duels in which action prevailed from the first round to the last, both boys giving their all to please the fans. Roland Streety, 156½, Syracuse, trounced Paul Flagler, 158, Buffalo, in a six-rounder. Calvin Leigh, 118½, Rochester, beat Artie Olsen, 121½, Utica, in an interesting six. Barney Taylor, 137, Utica, was awarded an unpopular verdict over Jim Carden, 132¾, Carbondale, Pennsylvania, in a fast four-round opener.

Louis Leone's Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc., has been dark since the last Pete Mead-Tony Masciarelli slugfest. Matchmaker Eddie Gallagher is spending his time lining up boxers to show at the Coliseum for this club, later in the season.

A crowd of 3,000 fans braved the threat of rain and paid more than $10,000 to see Joey DeJohn, Syracuse middleweight star, prove he is the complete master of Len Taglia, Utica boxer, when DeJohn scored a second-round knockout over Taglia at Utica. The fight was slated for ten rounds, and was DeJohn's second meeting and victory over Taglia, whom he had flattened in Syracuse, several months earlier. DeJohn scaled 157, Taglia 158½. Joeyy Kushner, 131, fought six rounds to a draw with Alfredo Pescatore, 131, of Italy, on the same bill; while Hugo (Dynamite) Bonacci, 159, Syracuse, outslugged Vern Roman, 162, Albany, to win their six-rounder. Bonacci had Roman down five times during the mill.

LEFT HOOKS: Marcus Aurelius Buckland, former local fight promoter, and Mike Dempsey, veteran timekeeper, are touring the Great Lakes. . . . Henny Andrews flew to New York by airplane for the Louis-Walcott fight. . . . Asked why Nick Barone trains in New York for all his fights, while Johnny Dell has one of the finest gymnasiums upstate, Andrews replied: "Nick is crazy about his trainer, Nick Florio, and Florio thinks just as much of Barone. They are a winning combination and with Florio conditioning my fighter I know he is always in top shape for his battles." . . . Much ballyhoo here lately regarding the planned Civic Auditorium. . . . We would like to see some ground breaking before we take this venture seriously. . . . Eddie Gallagher, matchmaker for Louis Leone's club, wants to hear from fighters and managers wishing to show here. . . . Write Eddie at the Syracuse Sporting Club office, 262 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By JACK LEVINSON

JACKIE CRANFORD, 189, Washington, D. C., defeated Jackie Lyons, 181, Pittsburgh, Pa., in the ten-round feature of the 13th Annual Police Fund Benefit Boxing Show held in Richmond Mooers Field. Cranford defeated the ever trying Lyons by using his left jab to a decided advantage. Although the victor left little for the judges to decide as to the winner, he failed to impress, any longer, as a contender for the heavyweight crown.

Chris Dundee, who filled the matchmaker role, presented a crackerjack co-feature 10-round bout when Rueben Jones, 161, Norfolk, defeated Billy Cooper, 162, Paterson, N. J.

Lou Bass, 162¼, Norfolk, decisioned Lonnie Rutherford, 160½, Roanoke, in 6. Walter Roane, 147¾, Richmond, defeated Jesse Baker, 148, Roanoke, in 6 rounds.

Gene Hardison, 154¼, Norfolk, won an unpopular 6-rounder over Angelo Marini, 152, of Washington.

The results of the Magic City A. C. Show of Roanoke: In the main event, Lou Yonkers of Roanoke, won a 10-round decision over Jimmy Jennette of Washington, D. C. Yonkers scored a 9-count knockdown in the 7th round. It was their fourth meeting with Yonkers taking two decisions, and the other two bouts ending in draws.

Bill Smallwood, 163, Roanoke, KOed Buck Brown, 155, Roanoke, in 1.

Sammy Pinkard, 137, Roanoke, won over Lucky Jordan, 135, by a decision in 6.

Joe Lassiter, 155, Charlotte, N. C., KOed Tom Edens, 155, Charleston, W. Va., in the first.

Smiley Cabbler, 188, Roanoke, KOed Frank Wood, 190, Roanoke, in the fifth.

Matchmaker "Bunk" Sweeney, of the Magic City A. C. of Roanoke, was suspended from any further promotion privileges by Rex Mitchell, the Roanoke boxing commission inspector for infraction of the rules.

The adopted Norfolkian, Bill Bossio, originally from Pittsburgh, Pa., and now of the U. S. Navy, was selected to represent the 118-pound class of the 1948 U. S. Olympic Boxing Team. Bossio is the Virginia State 118-pound title holder.

For information regarding Virginia, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to your writer. My address is: 128 W. 10th St., Norfolk, Va.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY
By AL GREENBERG

JUMPING JACKIE TURNER, Winnipeg and Vancouver bantam, flew to Honolulu where he dropped a decision to Dodo Marino, leading flyweight contender. Plans are made to rematch the pair in Vancouver.

Wilf DesJardin, Winnipeg welter, dropped a close 10-round decision to Tommy Deschambeault in Calgary on an Ernie Fair promoted card.

Friends of Tony Roberts scrappy Winnipeg fighter, will be happy to know that he is recovering in great style from his recent railway accident in Calgary. Roberts, while working as a C.N.R. switchman, slipped from a speeding box car and was seriously injured.

Jolting Johnny Roberts journied up to Roblin, Manitoba, where he successfully defended his Western Canada welter title against Vic Baxter, Saskatchewan, welter.

Somerset, Grand Beach, Flin Flon, Portage are a few of the Manitoba towns which staged amateur boxing cards during the past month.

Phil Palmer, leading Western Canada welter who recently lost a disputed decision to Joe Pyle in Vancouver, is now campaigning down in Sunny California.

Watch boxing boom in Vancouver now that the commission there has granted Jack Fox a promoter's license.

It is reported that Gil Martin, Vancouver promoter, has offered Johnny Greco $5000 to defend his title with Joe Pyle.

George Cote, Winnipeg middleweight, has hit the comeback trail down Vancouver way, outpointing Dean Abney and drawing with Wayne Parker.

Norm Gladu, Winnipeg heavyweight, is planning on campaigning in English rings, which reminds us that Bull McLarty, Winnipeg grappler, is now showing his wares in the British Isles.

Big surprise to the Winnipeg fistic fraternity was the omission of Ed Zastie from the Canadian Olympic boxing team.

With towns of Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Fort William all planning pro boxing cards, there should be lots of action in these parts comes the fall. North Dakota towns such as Williston, Jamestown, Bismarck, and Minot also plan cards.

Any unattached club fighters looking for action contact this writer at 207 Polson Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

FRANKIE JACOBS, who manages Tony Janiro, also has a promising fighter in Nick Mistovich, of Youngstown, Ohio. Mistovich fought a draw with Georgie LaRover of Philadelphia in a 10-round feature event of the Century Stadium before an estimated crowd of 2500. The semifinal ended in a knockout in the third round, when Angel Chavez kayoed Herb Tessier of Springfield, Mass. Johnny Parker of Springfield won a technical knockout over Patsy Zoccone of Toronto, Can., in the third round. Tommy Mack of Springfield won a six-round decision over Vince Callahan of Boston. Charlie Baginski of Springfield won a decision over Walter Keyes of Greenville, S. C.

Artie Levine of Brooklyn, N. Y., stopped Willie Reddick of Paterson, N. J., in the main bout at the Century Stadium. Angel Chavez of San Pedro, Cal., lost to Frankie Broderick in six. Ray Kelly of Middletown, Ct., stopped Wally Sousa of Boston in the first of a six. Dom Saia of Boston won a six-round decision over Charlie Baginski of Springfield. Johnny Scott of Holyoke won a four-round bout from Johnny Olms of Springfield.

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Boxing is staged at the Century Stadium twice a week, professionnal boxing on Monday and amateur boxing on Wednesday. Thompsonville, Ct., less than 10 miles from Springfield, Mass., holds amateur boxing on Thursday nights.

Elie Bourdon is promoting boxing shows in Claremont, N. H. Ervin Feinstein of Springfield, Mass., and Joe DeMaria are promoting professional boxing in Troy, N. Y., Pittsfield and North Adams, and amateur boxing in West Springfield.

St. Paul of Springfield is making a comeback. He won in Troy, N. Y. Johnny Parker, Sammy Walker, Young Junior, Vic Haller and Joey Costa are doing well in New England.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA'S boxing interests only developed one program during the month of June, and here are the results:

Ben Buker, welterweight champion of Spain, 149½, drew in ten rounds with Julio Pedroso, 146, Cuba's dusky welterweight challenger, at the Sports Palace.

Black Pico, in the semi-final scheduled to go ten rounds, was disqualified by the referee for butting which disabled his opponent, Amadito Mir, to a serious extent, in the third round.

Eligio Alvarez, Cuba's veteran featherweight, outpointed Juan Sanchez in six rounds, and Francisco Tosar won from Roberto Tolon in another six rounder. Adalberto Suarez was an easy winner over Carlos Velazquez in the opening four.

DETROIT AND WINDSOR FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

VALLEY SPORTING CLUB under the direction of Ward Blunt and Ben MacArthur, presented Harold Jones, 135, and Talmadge Bussey, 133, both Detroiters, in a battle to find a worthy contender for the state lightweight crown worn by Leroy Willis. Promoters Blunt and MacArthur, stole this star bout from under the noses of Detroit promoters and presented it to the fans at Saginaw's Auditorium.

Jones delt out a boxing lesson to the harder punching Bussey and appeared to have piled up a large lead. This writer scored seven rounds for Jones. But when final tabulation was taken the bout ruled as a draw much to the disapproval of its onlookers. Only during the early rounds was the contest close. Bussey landed his best blow, a hay-making right, near the end of the fifth. Otherwise most of the punching done by Tal was either on the gloves or elbows of Jones.

In the semi-final bout, Jay Watkins, 134, Flint, chalked up his 17th straight win and 14th knockout, when he put the quietus on Herb Wiley, 133, Dayton, in two, with a devastating right to the solar plexus.

The supporting bouts were four-rounders. Allie Gronick, 148, Detroit, edged out Danny Morgan, 140, Cleveland, after his opponent got off the canvas twice in the first to put on a close finish. Mickey Young, 120, Flint, drew with Darin Armstrong, 127, Dayton, in a hectic battle. Danny Boy Woods, 136, Saginaw, tko'd Alf Payette, 137, Quebec City, in 2:25 of the second. In the opener Willie Bell, 127, Detroit, outpointed Charley Graves, 128, Detroit.

Dominic Berardo, of Windsor, and Detroit's Martin Doyle, met in their eight-round rematch at the Windsor Arena, with Berardo punching out his second win over his adversary. Dominic showed much improvement over his previous appearance and forced the milling all the way. Doyle was dropped for a seven count from a left jab in the fifth.

In the four-round preliminaries, Bernard Humphrey, Highland Park, conquered Willie Jetters, of Detroit. Alf Payette, Quebec City, reversed a previous loss by outpointing Ronnie Carroll, Windsor. Allie Gronick, Detroit, iced Danny Nolan, Detroit, in 1:37 of 1. Les Tennessee, Amherstberg, decisioned Jimmy Fox, Windsor. Henry Armstrong, Windsor, made short work of Charley Jones, Detroit.

Co-promoters Hap Tucker and Julius Piazza presented Detroit's first outdoor show of the season at Mack Park featuring two eight-rounders.

In the first eight-rounder Joey Lozano, Detroit Mexican, stopped the winning ways of Windsor bad boy, Norm Butts, by decision. Both boys put aside the Marquis of Queensbury rules and gave out with a wild battle. Butts smashed his opponent below the belt in the opening frame to lose the round. Referee Johnny Weber also took away the fifth from the Windsor lad, and the seventh from his Mexican foe, both on low blows. However Butts did score a clean knockdown in the fourth when he landed two stiff lefts to the mid-section. Judge Herman Spinelli scored Lozano four rounds, one even, and Butts three. While referee Weber and judge Lou Jallos, each gave Lozano four rounds, two even, and Butts two. Weights were 158 pounds for Lozano as 157 for Butts.

Bill Stemmler, Windsor, defeated Martin Doyle, Detroit, in the second 8-rounder. Doyle was knocked out of the ring in the sixth but returned at the count of seven. The bout was fought mostly at close quarters.

The remainder of the card showed, Earl Johnson, Detroit light heavy, disposing of Ralph Meyers, Detroit, in three. Rocky Slapich, Detroit, outpointing Tommy Shonk, Detroit, in four, and Allie Gronick, Detroit, decisioning Hugh Sublette, Detroit.

Featherweight champion, Willie Pep, of Hartford, Connecticut, subbing for Jackie Graves, returned to Flint's Atwood Stadium, and added Luther Burgess of Detroit, to his long list of victims in ten rounds.

Burgess, a promising prospect, managed to stay the ten frames but was none too willing to mix with the champion. Burgess took a nine count in the fifth. Both scaled 128.

Jay Watkins, 136, Flint, and Wilfredo Miro, 138, Havana, put on a sensational battle in the semi-final with the later finally winning out by knockout at 2:57 of the fourth. Miro hit the canvas twice in the second but came back to deck Jay twice in the third before the end.

In the preliminaries, Billy Borne, 154, Detroit, decisioned Chuck Simmons, 150, Detroit, in six; Allie Gronick, 142, Detroit, defeated Woody Woods, 138, Akron, in four; Jimmy Carroll, 153, Detroit, outpointed Leonard Washington, 151, in four; and Bob LaLonde, 134, Cincinnati, finished ahead of Henry Armstrong, 134, Windsor, in four.

Here and There . . . Henry Davis, will return back to Detroit and challenge the leading featherweights throughout the states including Willie Pep. Henry has been doing all his fighting in Hawaii. According to reports Davis really won his last outing with Manuel Ortiz although the official decision went to Ortiz.

Lightweight contender, Harold Jones has broken off with Willie Dominguez and signed a contract to box for Jack Laken. Willie spent close to three years in developing Jones.

Bill Handlin, undefeated in eleven starts, has been ordered by doctors to take a six months rest from ring warfare. Bill, a 6' 2" lad, has been training too hard which has resulted in his weight being only 152 pounds. The promising Flint battler will take things easy for awhile and then return when he has regained his weight.

Jimmy Edgar and Dave Clark, are managing a popular lounge in town. . . . Eye specialist Dr. Fralick, of Ann Arbor, has pronounced Willie Watkins' vision OK and fit to continue with his ring-fare. . . . Luther Burgess, State 128-pound king, is receiving the run around by some of the top-notchers who apparently want no part of the crafty Detroiter. . . . Trainer Doc Williams otherwise known as William Weiner, has taken the hand of Rosalie Kalb in marriage. . . . Boxing Commissioner John J. Hettche was in New York to take in the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fisto. . . . Jay Watkins-Wilf Miro rematch is in the making and will most likely come off as a main go. Watkins has expressed a desire to meet his conquerer again. . . . Attempt by Nick Londes to rematch Tommy Yarosz and O'Neil Bell fell through. . . . Popular Floyd (Red) LaVasseur and manager Lee O'Neil, are toying with the idea of accepting a New York offer. . . . Fighting of late out of California, Eddie Prince, onetime state 135-pound champion, has been placed on the retired list.

Detroit born, Sugar Ray Robinson, welter title holder, has announced plans to hold a $2,500 open golf tournament. . . . A crack local match for the Windsor Arena, would be a go between Norman (Bad Boy) Butts and Bill Stemmler, with the winner to return against Len Wadsworth. . . . Fighters and managers of such desiring action should get in touch with Jimmy Kilbane, matchmaker for the Middletown Sportsmen's Club, Inc., at 1622 Taylor Avenue, Middletown 14, Ohio. . . . Smooth-working Ernest Rowell has joined the stable of Aron Woodward in Cleveland. Rowell would like to make the trip back for a return go with Jay Watkins. . . . Al Nettalow is doing well as tavern owner in Miami.

Popular Flint promoter, Tommy Cussans was among the crowd of 54,000 spectators who witnessed the first baseball night game in Briggs Stadium history. Could it be someone was thinking of putting boxing in the ball park since the lights have been installed? . . . Just back from California after a series of exhibition bouts there, is Tony Ross, Jr. This lad has only one leg.

Novice Topics. . . . A good crowd of 4,000 fans turned out at the U. of D. Stadium to witness a ten-bout card sponsored by the University Lions Club, with the proceeds going to help those who have defective vision. In the two feature bouts Chuck Davey, Michigan State College, knocked out Francis Shepard, Lansing, and Chuck Spieser, Annunciation, decisioned George McDonald, Kalamazoo. Dan Butler acted as chairman. . . . Stanley Kurza, CYO lightweight winner of the 1948 tournament, is reported to be planning to turn pro shortly. . . . At Bay City, Wilbur Shevaleir, has a host of fighters he is most anxious to show. . . . Harvey Stevens, River Rouge middleweight, received a decision over Hec Charette, Windsor, in the headliner of a televised card held at Great Lakes Field in River Rouge. Nine other bouts rounded out the card. . . . Moses Ward, Brewster Recreation, punched out a decision over Hec Charette, Windsor, in top bout of a show staged at the Detroit Edison Building. In another skirmish, John Chalapis, Highland Park, outpunched Warner Wiser, Shamrock. . . . Leo Jones, president of the TBA, has announced that no more shows would be held until the start of the fall season. . . . Thomas Darrough, 150, and Paul Wright, 118, both of Flint, made the trip to Rochester and scored over Bill Curro and Bill Thompson, respectively.

All for now, but this writer can be reached at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan.

AROUND THE OREGON RINGS

By WOODY WILLIS

DUE TO THE serious flood disaster in the Vanport vicinity, the sub-regional Olympic Boxing trials, scheduled for early June in the Portland Auditorium, were cancelled. Entries from the Vanport and Vancouver areas were unable to compete because of evacuation and limited traveling facilities.

Portland's Dick Wagner, 173, dropped an eight-round decision to Tom McKeagney, 170, Boston, in a main event at the Fort Hamilton arena in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Roseburg Armory — George Eckstein, Grants Pass, decisioned Dallas Bennett, Roseburg, in ten rounds. The light heavyweights headlined a police benefit boxing card.

At Portland Auditorium—Clever Joey Maxim, 181, of Cleveland, Ohio, proved the worthiness of his ranking as the world's No. 4 heavyweight title contender by left-handing his way to a unanimous ten-round decision over the Oregon fistic sensation, Joltin' Joe Kahut, 186, of Woodburn, Oregon. The Cleveland cutie used his superior boxing skill to offset the ineffective swings and rushes of the bobbing Kahut. As was expected, the Woodburn puncher forced the fight and several times clipped his stand-up opponent with wide swings to the head. Maxim collected $4205.25 for the evening's work, Kahut $3505.35.

In the scheduled ten-round semi-final, Oregon Middleweight Champion Jack (Ginger) Snapp, 165, Klamath Falls, returned to the ring wars after a nose operation with a three-round kayo over Leroy Wade, 159, San Francisco Negro. In other bouts, Jesse Hall, 184, Los Angeles, decisioned Eddie Mullins, 188, San Francisco, in six; Jack Chase, 166, Los Angeles, and Billy Ward, 162, Chicago, drew in six and in a scheduled four, Bill Carnegie, 194, formerly of Vanport, kayoed "Tiger" Si Jones, 186½, Vanport, in 58 seconds of round one. 4222 paying spectators contributed to a gross gate of $19,058.61, reported to be the second biggest ever collected at an indoor Portland show.

Jack (Doc) Kearns, famous fight manager, who steered Jack Dempsey to the world title almost thirty years ago, checked into Portland with his latest protege, clever Joey Maxim of Cleveland, Ohio.

Reports have it that promoter Tex Salkeld offered Joe Vella, manager of Gus Lesnevich, $75,000 to have the light-heavyweight champion defend his title against Joey Maxim in August or September at the Multnomah Stadium. The battle would be a benefit for the flood relief.

It has been reported that Roy Drake, manager of middleweight Jack (Ginger) Snapp, was offered $20,000 by visiting fight manager Jack (Doc) Kearns for control of the fighter's future.

Promoter Tex Salkeld announces that boxing shows in Salem will be discontinued for the remainder of the summer. The winter season in the capital city was highly successful.

Due to a typographical error in my column in the July issue, the following was printed: Billy Carnegie, 193, Portland, stopped Johnny Rilotas, 145, Manila, in round four, (Ortiz-Dolan card). It should have read as follows: Bill Carnegie, 193, Portland, stopped Tommy Murray, 182, Pendleton, in the second round, and Johnny Rilotas, 145, Manila, was stopped in four by Dick Wolfe, 145, Klamath Falls.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

THE District of Columbia Boxing Commission turned down Johnny Haynes, California heavy, as an opponent for Ezzard Charles. In his only appearance here, Haynes K.O.'ed Lee Q. Murray in two rounds. Murray was suspended for his efforts in this one and is still on the national suspension list. Senor Gabe Menendes tried to line up several other fighters but gave up his show date when no one showed a willingness to engage Charles.

At Baltimore—Sonny Boy West, Washington lightweight, lost his first bout in Baltimore after winning 18 straight matches.

In a close match he dropped a 10 round duke to Jimmy McAllister, classy Baltimore battler, in a bout that was a repetition of their first affair. In this one Mac fought the smarter battle, making West fight his style during the greater part of the match. Both judges turned in identical score sheets with five for McAllister, four for West and one even. Referee Eddie Leonard scored four rounds even and gave each boy three rounds.

Other winning District of Columbia fighters on the card were Jackie Ford and Charlie Bennett.

Word has been received here about the death of Leon Kennedy, who served as a sparmate for Joe Louis, in order to finance his medical studies at a New York university. Kennedy suffered a heart attack on a New York bridal path while working out early in the morning. He was well known in District of Columbia fistic circles, well liked and performed often both as a welter and middleweight.

At Newark, N. J.—In the main event at the Meadowbrook Bowl, Aaron Perry, 151½, Washington, started on his comeback. Perry gained an eighth round T.K.O. victory over Laurie Buxton, 144½, of England, in a scheduled ten.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY

AT THE Minneapolis Auditorium Jackie Graves, Promoter Tony Stecher's Eldorado in human form, continued on the road to glory this evening when he cleanly and decisively outpointed former world's bantamweight champion Harold Dade, a Negro battler from Los Angeles, in the ten-round windup bout of a thrill studded card before a crowd of over 7000 paying fans who chipped in with a gross of $16,008. This meeting with the clever Dade was Graves' first bout with a top notch opponent since going under the protective wing of his new manager, safety-first minded Tommy O'Loughlin, and Jackie met this test with flying colors, winning eight of the ten rounds, proving not only O'Loughlin's theory all wrong (that he should continue on meeting an inferior grade of opponents), but that he is still without a doubt the greatest attraction that the Mill City has had since the halcyon days of that never to be forgotten tow-headed battler of the roaring twenties (King Tut) Tuttle. Jackie now may be signed for an outdoor return match with featherweight champion Willie Pep, who stiffened him in July, 1946, in the eighth round of a thrill packed bout held at the Auditorium, a condition that made it impossible for half of those who wanted to see this bout to get in as Promoter Stecher had the "S.R.O." sign hung out three weeks before the bout took place.

In the semiwindup Corky Gonzales, 122, a nice looking young Mexican kid from Denver, put the chill on Quintero Hosza, 124, from Puerto Rico in the 2nd heat.

Jackie Turner, 118, from Vancouver, B. C., found a soft touch in Benny Cousins, 116, and gave the "L.A." colored youth a nice pasting in another sixer, while Paddy O'Leary, 137, a fast-punching Denverite, looked very good in dishing out a nice thumping to curly headed, good looking Milton Enright, 142½, from Milwaukee in four.

In the opener Marland Pettis, 142, from Minneapolis, who was making his professional debut, put the chill on Charley Fuller, 144, from Milwaukee, while in the six-rounder held after the main event, Ronald Cannon, 134, and Ernie DeFrance, 132, were remindful of a couple of high school girls at a picnic. They did everything but fight. Their dancing, jabbing, sticking out of tongues could have been the main event of any basket festival. At the end of the playful session Cannon was given the duke, but by this time there was hardly any fans left in the auditorium.

Howard Bleyhl, the Madison Mauler, who recently announced his retirement from the ring, is now working as a chef at The Red Feather Cafe here in Minneapolis.

Les Johnson, Minneapolis's hustling blonde manager, recently took over the managerial reins of Willie Cheatum, New York featherweight and lightweight.

Bruce Jeppinier, popular St. Paul Used Car Dealer, has finally succumbed to the lure of handling a boxer after being a red hot fight fan for the past twenty years. He recently acquired the contract of Baby Boy Walcott, St. Paul's Negro light heavyweight.

Bop Terry of Slayton, Minnesota, whose Golden Glove Teams are a byeword at the big Northwest Golden Gloves Tournament held each year in February, recently announced his retirement from the boxing game after forty years as a boxer, trainer, coach, matchmaker and promoter. Good Luck Old Man, we will all miss you at The Gloves.

Cliff Robertson, former Indian golden glover of the 1943 Slayton team, was killed in an automobile accident at Browning, Montana. He is survived by his wife and baby daughter.

At the Duluth Armory. Tonight at the local armory Jackie Graves, the Austin Kayo Artist, scored a two-round knockout victory over Mimi Adragna of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mimi, a slender, sharp-eyed Italian lad, gave Jackie a real tussle of it in the first round and seemed to be doing okay in the second until he got hit with a powerful right to the stomach which set him up for a left hook to the point of the jaw, which dropped him flat on his back. He rolled over and got to one knee and seemed to have missed the count, arising on unsteady legs at the fatal ten only to have Referee Jack Gibbons step in and lead him to his corner. This bout topped an action-filled card.

In the six-round semi-windup Jackie Burke, 168, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and Baby Boy Walcott, 171, of St. Paul, put on one of the most vicious and savage battles seen in a Northwest ring in many a year. This was a rematch of their first meeting at Rochester some time back. Burke, won the decision, but only after being subjected to one of the roughest evenings of his career.

Dick (Muscles) Bighley, 134, St. Paul, made it two in a row over Vic Creelman, 132, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, by scoring a kayo in three rounds, giving the veteran Creelman a bad pasting.

Bob Moreilli, 154, St. Paul Italian youngster making his pro debut, stopped the winning streak of Bill (Scrap) Irons, 151½, of Minneapolis at ten straight by scoring a T.K.O. over Irons when the sharp looking youngster from the Mill City suffered a badly split left eye.

The gross gate was $6935.85.

At the Minneapolis Auditorium: Stepping nimbly around the ring in his best elf-like manner with both of his hands working with piston-like precision, Willie Pep, World's Featherweight Champion, showed 7500 paying Northwest fight fans that he is still as good as he was before his near fatal airplane accident by decisively outpointing Miguel Acevedo, of Havana, Cuba, in 10 rounds.

In the six-round semi-windup Corky Gonzales, 122, from Denver, Colorado, continued his sensational winning streak by scoring a clean cut kayo over Nicky Harris, 119, from Cleveland, Ohio, in the 4th round.

Wilfredo Miro, 140, a stablemate of Acevedo, outpointed the Chicago veteran Willie Cheatum, 137, in six. Paddy O'Leary, 145, of Denver, Colorado, outpointed Cy Lewis, 133, St. Paul, in a bloody four-rounder. Eddie Marotta, 125, from Cleveland, Ohio, outpointed the Kansas City veteran, Frankie Riveri, 121, in six. In the four-round opener Johnny Valdez, 140½, from Des Moines, Iowa, knocked out Bob Ahreans, 147, in the 2nd round.

The gross receipts were $25,514.20 of which Willie received 40% and Acevedo drawing down 20%

At the St. Paul Auditorium: Tonight at the St. Paul Auditorium Del Flanagan, St. Paul's fighting young Irishman, was awarded the decision over his Northwest rival Del Cockayne, of Des Moines, Iowa, after 8 tough rounds. Although it was a split decision the fans booed it loud and long, it being the consensus of newspaper writers and others that the hard punching collegian had won the bout with a bit more to spare. In the opinion of this writer Cockayne won five of the eight rounds and dropped Flanagan with an overhand right to the jaw in the 4th. Cockayne was the aggressor and kept the Saint Paulite going backwards the greater part of the shindig with Flanagan showing the utmost respect for the hard belting of the boy whom he defeated by a T.K.O. back in mid April. The referee Bobby Ward erred in the 4th round when he allowed Flanagan to continue to fight after having been dumped for a two count. The Ref did not make him take an eight count which under the new rules governing boxing here in Minnesota, is mandatory, thereby, disallowing the knockdown and taking away three points from Cockayne that might otherwise have given him the decision, as the referee had it scored 77 points for Flanagan and 76 points for Cockayne, with Jack Gibbons scoring it an even-steven affair with 77-77 points for each, and Billy McCabe voting 77 for Flanagan and 71 for the Iowan. The Pioneer Press score card showed Cockayne ahead with 79 to 76 for Flanagan.

In the six-round semi-windup Jackie Parks, 160½, from Des Moines, defeated Buzz Brown, 155, of St. Paul in an old-fashioned back alley thriller.

Dick (Muscles) Bighley, 145, looking hotter than a firecracker, put the damper on good-looking Bill Irons, 151, of Minneapolis, in the 3rd heat, this being Muscle's third straight kayo win, while Bob Morelli, 152, of St. Paul, gave Lou Lundell, 160, from LaCrosse, Wisconsin, a good thumping in a four-rounder.

In the four-round opener Gene Flynn, 155, of St. Paul, was given the nod over rough, tough Willie Reimmerman, 162½, Minneapolis, in a four-rounder, while Baby Boy Walcott, 170, St. Paul, got sweet revenge by scoring a knockout over Fred Ford, who had knocked him out about three months ago. Walcott, showing a world of improvement, was razor sharp as he gave his former tormentor a bad beating before administering the ether in the 2nd round. The gross was over $15,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

GIL MARTIN and Gordon Heggie have promoted their last professional fight show. The response they received with the Flood Relief fights was enough to make anybody quit. Instead of having money to give to charity, the promoters could have used some, for in spite of reduced overhead the show managed to lose Mr. Heggie a total of $700.00.

The card itself was nothing to write home about. A double main event was carded with Hal Robbins fighting Lloyd Rolph in the top half. Rolph suffered a cut eye and the fight had to be stopped in the fourth round. Robbins was boxing very well and looked as though he might be on his way to his first real K.O. in local circles. Roy Wouters and Eddie Halligan met in the other main event. Halligan put on one of the worst displays seen in this city. He only lasted 2:50 in which time he did absolutely no fighting and went down to one knee twice from invisible punches. Halligan was counted out on one knee aftr the second knockdown. The boxing commission immediately suspended the Spokane Negro and at the same time confiscated his purse.

Eddie Helm gained a close six-round decision over Red Garrison in a savagely fought bout. Pinky Cowan K.O.ed localite Ralph Clark in the second round. George Cote and Wayne Parker boxed to a draw in the opener.

Jumping Jackie Turner, Vancouver's flyweight hope, was flown to Honolulu as sacrifice for Dado Marino and the lamb turned around and bit the wolf. Turner almost scored an upset in the ten-round decision.

Seattle fans saw several Vancouver fighters on the Joey Maxim-Bill Peterson card. Joey Pyle stopped Charley O'Kelly in round five although Pyle was down from the first punch of the bout. Roy Wouters came up against a tough customer in Eddie Cotton and ended up on the wrong end of a fourth round TKO. Eddie Helm won a close decision over Carl Arakaki of Honolulu.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS
By COLIN FAULKNER

RICHARD (KID) HOWARD, 130½, Halifax, N. S., Maritime Lightweight Boxing Champion, earned a ten-round unanimous decision over Tony Riccio, 129, Boston, Mass., in the feature bout at the Arena here.

In the semi-final Blaine Hayden, 140, up-and-coming puncher from Springhill, N. S., laid Frank Garnier, 140½, out cold in 2.39 of the third round. Keith Paris, 127, New Glasgow, N. S., blasted out a unanimous decision over James Steeves, 127, Truro, in one of the four-rounders. In the curtain raiser the battle between Ossie Farrell, 160½, and Colby McCloskey, 153, both local boys, ended in a draw.

In only thirty-six seconds of the first round, Dick (Kid) Howard, 131½, Maritime Lightweight Boxing Champion, dumped Edgar Perrault, 128½, Berlin, New Hampshire, in the feature bout at the Halifax Arena, June 1. The Alvin Upshaw vs Phil Roderique semi-final was declared "No Contest" after three rounds. Their purses were turned over to the Children's Hospital. Frank Garnier, 142, Halifax, N. S., got a TKO over Billy Wood, 145, Amherst, N. S., in 55 seconds of the fourth and final round. In the opener Ace Flannigan, 159, Halifax, N. S., easily TKOed Bill Bryce, 160, also of this city in 1.31 of the initial stanza.

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RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND

By BRIAN F. O'BRIEN

MIDDLE and light-heavyweight champion of Australia, Dave Sands, 165½ lbs., struck one of the toughest opponents of his career when he tangled with big Don Mullett, 195¼, New Zealand heavyweight champion, at the Petone Recreation Ground. Giving a most impressive display, Mullett carried the fight persistently to his famed adversary.

Against the lithe Sydneysider, Mullett fought an aggressive fight throughout, and refused to be overawed by the giant-killer reputation of Sands. Although displaying remarkable speed and agility for such a big man, he was nevertheless made to appear slow and ponderous in comparison with the speedy Sands.

Prior to returning to Australia, Dave Sands was matched at Auckland in a return fight with Victorian Jackie Marr. The pair had met three times previously in Australia, for a win each and a draw, while Sands had won their earlier meeting in New Zealand. In the Auckland affair, Sands coasted along content to peck away at Marr and only occasionally threw punches which appeared to carry any danger at all. Marr showed a healthy regard for Sands' punches, and kept well away, the result being a disappointing fiasco which was declared "No Fight" by referee Eric Armishaw in the seventh round.

Wild scenes followed the termination of the fight. The boxers protestingly returned to their corners to the accompaniment of a vociferous counting out by the majority of the large crowd. The referee said after the affair that neither man showed the form expected of champions, and that he had warned them twice before acting—the first time when he told Sands not to pull his punches, and then again two rounds later when he threatened to "send them home" if things failed to liven up. Many criticized the referee for acting as he did. The men put up a clever bout and should not have been stopped.

Nothing daunted by his failure to impress the fans in the fiasco with Sands, Jackie Marr, light-heavyweight champion of Victoria, met Roy Stevens, middleweight champion of New Zealand, before 3000 eager fight followers at Mataura, a tiny sport-minded town in the South Island. Stevens, a 2 to 1 underdog, surprised even his handlers by pounding out a decisive victory over his highly favored opponent.

The Wellington Boxing Association opened its 1948 season when Noel Dornan, young Palmerston North middleweight, defeated the tough Australian sailor, Frank Endicott. The pair had met on three previous occasions, with honors even.

The sixth death in the history of Fistiana in New Zealand—among the professionals—occurred on May 25th at Auckland when the Negro light-heavyweight, Joe Burns, succumbed to head injuries received in his contest with Tommy Downes, rugged Palmerston North thumper, 15 days earlier. In the second round of their fight at Auckland, Burns went down from a left hook to the jaw. As he fell, the Negro boy's head struck the floor with a solid thump, and he failed to recover consciousness until late the next day. Although Burns claimed to be a Canadian, it later transpired that he was a Fijian.

Main preliminary to the Downes-Burns fight was a middleweight set-to with Scotty McLeod of Auckland making a successful comeback by disposing of Australian Bobby Murant in the second round. It is doubtful if Murant ever amounted to anything in his own country—he certainly didn't over here.

A feast of action and hard punching was witnessed at Dunedin when the New Zealand welterweight champion, Ian Cruikshank, flattened young Harry Hanson of Wellington in the seventh round. Cruikshank, opening his campaign for the year, was in a particularly vicious mood, and although Hanson proved game and rugged, he was no match for the welter king.

Paddy Slavin of Newcastle, Australia, victor in his first five engagements in New Zealand, met with his initial reverse at the hands of welterweight champion Cruikshank in the latter's second start for 1948. Slavin's terrific punching had made him No. 1 drawing card throughout the country, but against Cruikshank, an equally solid hitter, he felt his comparative lack of knowledge of the finer points of the game most keenly. Cruikshank won all the infighting and inflicted enough damage at long range to win a close but well-deserved victory.

After being inactive for 18 months, veteran lightweight champion of New Zealand, "Young Jim" Griffin proved that he is still the country's best 135-pounder, when, after ten fast-moving rounds at Dannevirke, Griffin was returned winner in a non-title fight against his leading contender, Sid Stevens. Stevens, at 20 years of age, was 12 years the younger man, but was unable to solve the champion's long left and short, stinging right uppercut. Soon after the fight, Jim Griffin, after a long and honorable career in the ring, announced his retirement.

NOTES FROM IRELAND

By LESLIE DAVLIN

ULSTER HALL: Patsy Dunn, Ulster welterweight champ, was action from the start as he tossed punches from all directions to defeat Gerry Leahy, Cork. Leahy's seconds tossed in the towel in the second round.

Another Ulster champ, Jackie Wilson, beat Jack Lenihan, Cork, when the referee stopped the bout in the second round. Peter Robinson, Belfast, in the same stable as Rinty Monaghan, floored his opponent, Con Norissey, Cork, three times before Norissey retired in the second with a hand injury. Al Gibson, Belfast, outpointed Bernard Pugh, Liverpool.

Sam Edgar, Belfast, defeated Joe Keery, Manchester, in the first round when Keery's seconds threw in the towel as their man had a badly cut eye. The towel also came to the rescue of Ken Smith, Manchester, against Joe McEntee, Belfast, in the second round. Paddy Trainor, Belfast, retired in the third round against Billy O'Neill, Belfast, with a badly gashed eyebrow.

Micky O'Neill, Belfast, knocked out Hugh Doherty, Glasgow, in the second round. Joe Dunn, Buncrana, knocked out Tom Foran, Dublin, in the third round.

In Bob Gardiner's show, Jimmy Warnock, Belfast, was very unlucky to receive a cut eye in the fifth round against Billy Hazelgrove, Brighton, and his manager wisely tossed in the towel. Tommy Armour, Belfast, won on points over Gordon Ashun, Bootle.

Bobby Ogg, Glasgow, caused an upset when he defeated Alex Woods, Randalstown, Ulster cruiser and heavyweight champion, over eight rounds. Eddie Carson, Glasgow, beat Ike Weir, Belfast, at the end of the fourth round when Weir's towel was tossed in.

In a bill at Ulster Hall, Sam Edgar, Belfast, knocked out Maxwell Ijeh, Nigeria, in the first round. In a cruiser duel between Billy Townsley, London, and Charley Fryer, Manchester, the Mancunian retired in the second round. After being floored four times the towel came to the rescue of Cyril Jones, Manchester, in the sixth round against Jackie King, Belfast. Bill Doherty, Belfast, and Sean Phillips, Dublin, provided an all-action affair before the towel came to the Dubliner's rescue in the seventh heat. Peter Robinson, Belfast, scored a quick victory over Alex Pearson, Manchester, who went out in the first round.

Gerry McCreedy, Lurgan, forced Dick Lloyd, Doncaster, to retire in the sixth round. Paddy Dowdall, Dublin, Eire lightweight champ, gained a decision over George Frost, Mexboro. Jackie Stephens, Belfast, retired in the second against Harry Fisher, ex-amateur lightweight champ of Ulster. Max Brady, Lurgan, drew with Reuben Whitehead, Mexboro. Eddie Nagee, Belfast, outpointed Jim McCombley, Lurgan.

Mickey Talbot, Dublin, was a mild sensation in knocking out Jim Doran, Belfast, in the first. The referee came to Mickey Burns' rescue when he stopped the contest between Burns, Dublin, and Mickey O'Neill, Belfast. The Belfast southpaw, Charlie Meikle, made short work of Jimmy Dunne, Glasgow, knocking him out in the third round. Paddy Dowdall beat Ginger Walsh, Belfast, in the third round when Walsh's towel was tossed in. Billy Townsley, London, defeated Jack Taylor, Manchester, the towel appearing half-way through the first round.

At Ulster Hall: Pat McNally, Belfast, came in as a substitute and outpointed Mickey McLaughlin, Belfast, in eight rounds. The referee disqualified Matt Locke, Belfast, and Gerry McCreedy, Lurgan, for continual holding and clinching in the fifth. Eddie Nagee, Belfast, knocked out Joe "Boy" Collins, Dublin, Eire bantam champ, in the second. Paddy Dowdall, Cork, outpointed Paddy Trainor, Belfast.

Max Brady, Lurgan, won in the third round over Jimmy Kelly, Belfast, when the referee stopped the contest. Billy Townsley, London, stopped Dick Lloyd, Mexboro, in the second, when Lloyd was forced to retire with a badly cut eye.

Reuben Whitehead, Doncaster, outpointed Joe McLaughlin, Belfast. Paddy Kelly, Belfast, knocked out Tommy Burns, Dublin, in the second. Mickey O'Neill, Belfast, outpointed Siki O'Neill, Dublin. Peter Robinson, Belfast, knocked out Len Dixon, Birmingham, in the second. Jackie King, Belfast, knocked out Billy Cartright, Birmingham, also in the second. Mickey Talbot, Dublin, outpointed Gerry McCreedy, Lurgan. Pat McNally, Belfast, outpointed Pat Hardy, Dublin. Mickey McLaughlin, Belfast, outpointed Billy Birch, Belfast.

At Ulster Hall: Mickey McAloran, Belfast, outpointed "Darkie" Sullivan, Darby. Freddy Price outpointed Ken Page, Jacksdale. Owen Johnstone, Jacksdale, stopped Joe McLaughlin, Belfast, in the first. Art Dykes, Alfreton, knocked out Bertie Todd, Belfast, in the third. Eddie Nagee, Belfast, beat Harry McAuly, Portrush, the towel being thrown in in the second.

At Ulster Hall: Tony O'Connor, Cork, knocked out Paddy Redmond, Alfreton, in the fifth. Jackie Brier, Belfast, forced Mickey McLaughlin to retire in the second round. Max Brady, Lurgan, retired in the fifth against Tommy Madine, Belfast. Billy Crapper, Warsop, outpointed Al Gibson, Belfast. Mias Johnson, Jacksdale, retired in the third against Dave Watson, Belfast.

REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By FELIPE J. C. GALANGE

KING TUT, leading contender for the feather-weight championship of the Philippines knocked out Star Naven in the 7th round of Promoter Felix Caliwag's initial "percentage basis" fistic offering. Naven, the ringsider's favorite was leading from the first until the fatal seventh. Tut, sensing that he was losing, came out from his corner at the 7th to get on even terms. The King dropped Naven with a hard left before he could cover up and Naven took the count of seven. When Naven stood up, Tut took advantage of the situation and rained his opponent with lefts and rights until Naven crumpled at his corner to be counted out.

Veteran Little Pilay, 112 pounder, proved no match for the heavy slugging Tim Ramos of Las Pinas. At Pilay's own request the referee stopped the fight due to his bleeding eye.

Kid Bascones, featherweight trial horse, opened a big gash over Tino Arespi's right optic in the first round. Arespi was covered with blood at the start of the second round and Commissioner Jimmie Vergara ordered the referee to stop the fight.

Roy Junior and Cunning Tony, flyweights, staged a give-and-take affair. Roy dropped Tony in the 5th with a stiff right to the chin to be counted out.

Prince Tut of Baguio won over Stevedoring Boy via the short route in the 3rd round. Poyas Boy stopped Eddie Manahan in the second round. Rusty Jinete and Arsenic Sugada fought on even terms in the opening.

Speed Cabanela made a successful comeback when he badly outpointed Manuel Anduha in ten rounds on Charlie Miller's and Ted Lewin's fistic card. In the second round, Anduha broke his right hand. He also received a cut over his right eye made by Cabanela's head.

Little Dundee, flyweight champion, stopped the comeback of veteran Dommy Reyes, former flyweight king, in ten rounds. The heavy slugging Reyes could not land his haymaker. Dundee proved too fast and elusive for his slow moving opponent. Dundee copped nine of the ten rounds.

Young Balbin, another rising bantam, won the nod over Speed Cali of Cebu in six rounds. Kid Bascones decisioned Speedy Martinez in 6. Reno Kid of San Nicolas was stopped by Ric Navallasca in 3. Fighting Sabu and Young Sencio drew in 4.

Pancho Villa, Jr. son of the immortal Pancho Villa, made a successful invasion of the Visayas when he badly outpointed Little Pacana, former Visayan flyweight champion, in 8 rounds. The card was under the auspices of the Iloilo City government to raise funds for the Boy's Town and was held at the Roxy Stadium.

Jose Maganua stopped Fighting Florence in 4, Little Landrino knocked out Pete Zevic in 6. Fighting Glove outscored Battling Luis in 4. Little Flores deposed Kid Fernandez in 3.

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COVERING CUBA
By DR. J. A. VIEITIES

AT MORON: The Cuban flyweight champion, Luis Fuentes, kept up his excellent work, this time beating Esteban (Baby Segundo) Fernandez inside the distance.

Segundo held Fuentes a couple of months back to a draw, so everybody expected a close fight, but the little champion improves in every fight and Segundo was not to stop his progress either. The fight was close during the first five rounds, but after that it was all Fuentes. In the seventh round Segundo was twice downed, and after being twice downed again in the eighth, the referee wisely stopped the one-sided affair.

Both fighters came in over the weight.

In the second star-bout, Miguel Mendicil and Gernan Viciedo battled to an exciting ten-round draw. (Lightweights)

In the third ten-rounder, Baby Gavilan defeated Roberto Pozos, also lightweights.

Jesus Lastre defeated Conrado Conde, in a six-rounder. (Flies), and Lefty Sanchez stopped Ignacio Alvarez in the fourth.

At Oriente: Ciro Moracen, No. 1 contender for the Cuban Featherweight Crown added to his prestige by stopping Boy Jabao in nine heats. Moracen gave an excellent account of himself before putting the final period to the "Boy."

At Moron: Ciro Moracen, 123, the sensational little fighter from Moron, added another excellent victory to his record, this time easily beating Lorenzo Safora, 124¾, former bantamweight champion of Cuba, in ten rounds.

Moracen started slowly, but from the third on there was only one fighter in the ring. This year Moracen has beaten Mario (Chico) Morales, Diego Sosa, Lino Garcia and now Lorenzo Safora.

The second star-bout ended when the referee stepped in to save Benito Castillo in the second heat, from Wilfredo Mayet. Mayet scored with every blow in the book, and before the fight was stopped Castillo made several trips to the canvas. (Lightweights).

Migule Acevedo made his first appearance under Patsy Suarez banner, and was outpointed by world's champion Willie Pep in an overweight battle in Minneapolis. . . . Humberto Sierra will soon resume his fistic activities. . . . Ciro Morace sounds as his adversary.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES
By TOMMY MAXWELL

THE PAST MONTH here has been a blank as far as local action was concerned. The Heath-Hannison combine has failed to come up with any summer shows. They considered running indoors at the Armory, then dickered for an outdoor spot in the heart of town but gave both ideas up. On top of this Heath has been hospitalized with a minor operation. The Rubber Bowl is just too big for an ordinary card and Akron has never proved it would support a show big enough to make a Bowl card profitable. So from here it looks like Akron fight fans will have to wait until the weather permits an indoor show.

Local fighters are being kept fairly busy though. Ronnie Delaney continues on his winning ways with 14 contests in his favor by the K.O. route. He is ready for faster company, but should not be pitted against the top-notchers until he gains a little more experience. There are a lot of boys his weight in the second flight division who will give him plenty of trouble. The boy looks like the best turned out here in many a day.

Another local boy, Freddie Schott, big, white, heavy, is now under the very capable Red Hetzel, the man who trained the great Gorilla Jones. Schott fought his first bout under Red's direction, and made a great battle after a 14 month lay-off, losing a disputed decision to Elton Brothers, who is a good prospect. There wasn't an idle second in the entire eight rounds, which was staged at New Castle, Pa.

Rudy Zadell, hustling youngster of Joe Basco's stable, was forced to cancel three bouts when it was discovered he had fought his last two fights with fractured ribs. Zadell pulled an enormous up-set when he belted the 5-to-1 choice, Chuck Taylor, all over a Pittsburgh ring to win a unanimous decision.

Basco is also starting his new lightweight, Jackie Solomon, imported from South Africa.

Had the pleasure of running into George Chip, former Middleweight Champion. The ex-Champ was looking superb and feeling just as good as he looked. Chip is strictly a family man and very proud of a really fine family. Still lives in New Castle, Pa.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

JERSEYITES were disappointed when Jersey Joe Walcott was stopped by Joe Louis in 11 rounds.

Jersey A.A.U. champs, Mike Franco of Jersey City and Billy Morgan of Newark, won the 175 pound and 118 pound title respectively at Buffalo in the Sectional finals but each lost a close decision at the Olympic finals in Boston.

Jimmy Holden scored a big upset by whipping Agostinho Gudes at Allentown.

BEST PROSPECT OF THE MONTH—Artie Levine, undefeated young lightweight from Bayonne who has both class and a punch to carry him a long way.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH—Ruppert Stadium, Newark—The Tournament of Champions presented a great show before 22,000 fans in which Tony Zale, 158¾, Gary, Indiana, regained his world's middleweight title by scoring a knockout over Tommy (Rocky) Graziano, 158½, Brooklyn, in 1:18 of the third round.

In the preliminaries, Billy Kilroy, 158, East Rutherford, scored an upset when he K.O.'ed Charley Zack, 160, Scranton, in 1.18 of the third round. Zack had beaten Billy in their first scrap. Bernie Dowd, 132, Livingston, looked very good in scoring over Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 134, Bayonne, 6. Andy DePaul, 153, Cliffside Park, won a hard fought decision from Ross Anzelone, 149, Bronx, 6. Horace Baily, 153, Biddeford, Me., won by a T.K.O. over Danny Rosati, 159, Newark, due to a cut eye at the end of the first round. Gene Sailsbury, 143, North Bergen, battered Billy Gillespie, 147, Brooklyn, to stop him at the end of 3. Vince Cidone, 162, N.Y.C., won over Kasimire Soldowsky, 159, Paterson, 4.

Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark—Aaron Perry, 152, Washington, halted Laurie Buxton, 144, London, Eng., in eight. Buxton was down in the second and fifth and took a nine count in the seventh. Perry dropped him again early in the eighth and then while Buxton was on his knees smashed a hard punch to the head so Buxton was given a three minutes rest, but was unable to resume at the end of this time, so Perry was declared the winner. Billy Wyatt, 148, Trenton, made his local debut by scoring over Tony Cimmino, 143, Bayonne, in six fast rounds. Angel Martinez, 170, Newark, whipped Henry Harris, 171, Paterson, 4. Les Irwin, 180, Jersey City, dropped Elwood Winn, 179, Newark, four times to stop him in the second.

Charley Williams, 147, Newark, easily outpointed Gene Burton, 143, New York City, in ten fast rounds. This was the first win for Williams in their three fights. Renato Tontini, 175, Rome, Italy, made his American debut by stopping Hank Watkins, 166, Red Bank, in five rounds. Renato scored two knockdowns.

Sipio Lofton, 165, Newark, outpointed Richie Dallas, 161, N.Y.C., 6. Les Irwin, 184, Jersey City, stopped Nick DeCarlo, 177, Red Bank, 3. Johnny Cifelli, 160, Newark, won from Bill French, 162, Newark, 4.

Johnny Colan, 176, New York, punched his way to a close win over Leroy (Bobby Dance) Snead, 169, Brooklyn, 8. Billy Lee, 149, Englewood, won from Johnny Darby, 147, Paterson, in the semi-final six. Tony Cimmino, 143, Bayonne, was held to a draw with Joe McCloskey, 144, Camden, 6. Artie Levine, 131, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Sal Zano, 135, Belleville, 1. Manuel Dizon, 140, Trenton, stopped John Scott, 146, Harlem, 3.

Elizabeth Twin City Arena—Teddy Pritchard, 148, Harlem southpaw scored a big upset by stiffening Tony Rose, 154, Newark, 1.10 of the second round. Tommy Parks, 145, Rahway, easily whipped Shaddy Devane, 144, Brooklyn, 6. Joe Gabriele, 129, Orange, won his 14th straight by whipping Angel Ayala, 130, Jamaica, L. I. Young Eddie Edwards, 150, Newark, scored an upset by outpointing Johnny Darby, 146, Paterson, 6. Joe Walker, 186, Plainfield, upset Jimmy Holden, 189, Elizabeth, in six fast rounds. Johnny Fisher, 164, Brooklyn, and Nick DeGrazio, 161, Garwood, drew, 4.

Mike De Cosmo, 144, Elizabeth, K.O.'ed Teddy Pritchard, 147, Harlem, in 2.20 of the fifth round. Teddy was down three times in this battle of southpaws.

Leon (Young) Gabriel, 149, Atlantic City, came back strong to upset Aaron Perry, 148, Washington, D. C., 8. Ernie Kerber, 140, Jersey City Marine on furlough, was not in the best of condition and was stopped by Young Edwards, 146, Fanwood, 4. Walter Cunningham, 166, Newark, beat Buddy Latch, 158, Jersey City, 4. Bill Henderson, 132, Cliffside Park, K.O.'ed Roy Love, 137, N.Y.C., 2. Artie Levine, 132, Bayonne, halted Lucky Brown, 136, Elizabeth, 2. Lucky was lucky this time.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

ROY MILLER, 159, Kansas City, won a ten round unanimous decision over Eddie O'Neill, 157¾, Detroit, at the Milwaukee Auditorium. It was a close hard fight with Miller the aggressor and on top of his man all the way scoring with left and right uppercuts in close. When O'Neill elected to box instead of fighting in close he outscored Miller. It was one of those fights that could have been spoiled by a less capable referee than Jules Fidler. Jules did a good job in making the boys fight their way out of the clinches. In justice to O'Neill it should be said he took the fight on a three day notice when Bert Lytell became ill, and was not in the best of shape.

Alvin Jordan, 137, Milwaukee, knocked out Dave Marsh, 132, Akron, Ohio, in 14 seconds of first round. Referee, Louis Schultz.

Bob Sandberg, 135, Rockford, Ill., defeated Bob Beamond, 132½, Indianapolis, six rounds. Referee, Fidler.

Terry (Emil) Wagner, 159½, Milwaukee, won by a technical knockout from Russ Baxter, 157, Newcastle, Pa., in 2:28 of the second round. Referee, Schultz.

Troy Luckette, 133¼, Milwaukee, defeated Roy (Red) Grant, 132. Toledo, in four rounds. Referee, Schultz.

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Bert Lytell, 164½, Oakland, Calif., beat Roy Miller, 159½, Kansas City, in a ten round bout for which the fans paid $9500. The fighters worked hard, their styles were similar, both being infighters. The fact that the bout was compared to the Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale mix-up in pre-fight ballyhoo caused the fans to expect too much. The bout was staged as a Jackie Darthard benefit, the widow getting a little over $1100.

Jerome Frazier scored the evening's upset when he KO'ed Dave Clark in two rounds, with a left and a right to the midriff. The bout started at even money. Previously the battlers fought a hot 10 round split decision bout that went to Frazier.

Jerome Frazier, 154¾, Milwaukee, knocked out Dave Clark, 159½, Cincinnati, in 25 seconds of the second round. Referee, Gil Jackson, Racine.

Emil Wagner, 162¾, Milwaukee, stopped Bernard Humphrey, 170¾, Detroit, by technical knockout in five rounds. Referee, Jaeger.

Milton Enright, 143½, Milwaukee, beat Tommy Shonk, 140, Detroit, four rounds. Referee, Jackson.

Troy Luckett, 133, Milwaukee, beat Bob Dudley, 140¾, Laport, Ind., four rounds. Referee, Jackson.

A motion aimed at knocking out intercollegiate boxing at the University of Wisconsin was defeated by a two to one margin recently. Professor Richard Hartshorne wanted boxing eliminated. Professor William B. Sarles, chairman of the Athletic Board, fought for boxing. Professor John W. Brown, director of student health, had high praise for boxing at the University. Wisconsin holds four straight NCAA team titles. The action warded off a blow at one of the most popular sports on the campus, a sport which draws a capacity house of 14,000 to the field house practically every time a meet is held. Wisconsin fans have been rewarded by seeing a team which has not lost a meet in three years and fighters who have won a host of NCAA individual crowns. Since 1933, the Badgers have won 83 of 96 meets. Johnny Walsh is the Team coach. The late George Downer, a former sports writer, started boxing at the University when he took charge of the Publicity department.

The boxing commission led by Commissioner Frank Fawcett, decided to crack down on minor violations of the rules by boxers, their managers and promoters. Bert Lytell was fined $50, for failing to be on the ground five days before the bout. Overweight and failure to weigh within division poundage rules had several managers and promoters on the hot seat.

Jay Thomas who so successfully conducted the Young Stribling campaigns is now the publicist for the Florida Anglers Assn.

AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
By CLARENCE PUSHECK

HERE are the results of fights held in the Rockford Sports arena.

Bobby Sandberg, Rockford, TKO'ed Jimmy (Pineapple) Enopia, Hawaii, in the seventh of an eight round bout. Lightweight Lee Campione, Chicago, TKO'ed Al Mitchel, Buffalo, in the fifth of an eight rounder.

In the preliminaries, Rocco Di Fillippi, Milwaukee, scored consistently with left jabs to take a four round decision from Fred Ginoza, Hawaii, in a 128 pound bout. Doub Van Hoff, Oshkosh, Wis., took a split decision from Tiger Weems of Milwaukee, 137 pounder. Dick Thelan from Milwaukee, fightin' his first professional bout, stopped Wally Rose, Chicago Negro, in 40 seconds of the first round; light-heavyweights.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

JOHNNY FLYNN, Rochester's heavyweight hope, is now ready for bigger game after his one-round K.O. over Joe Matisi of Endicott, N. Y., in Buffalo. It was Flynn's easiest fight. Flynn walked out and hit Matisi with a fast one-two and Matisi was down for an eight-count and when he got up Flynn caught Matisi again with a left hook and the fight was over. It was Flynn's fifth straight win. Flynn weighed 208 pounds and Matisi 195½ pounds. In the semi-final Irish Johnny Rowe, another Rochester boy, had an easy time in his win over Charley Banks of Buffalo in six rounds. Rowe won every round but could not stop Banks. Rowe weighed 137 pounds and Banks 136 pounds.

Welterweight Ross Virgo of Rochester emerged the army's top hope in the Olympic trials at Boston. Virgo, European Command battler, without defeat in over 50 military bouts during his two years, outlasted Joe Lopez, Chicago, Pacific commander, for the 147-pound title at the Chicago Stadium. The vicious battle had the crowd roaring all of the way. Virgo achieved his second victory of the evening with a brilliant display of punching power and aggressiveness. In his semi-final mix with Don Skrepinski of the Fourth Army, Virgo set a blistering pace from start to finish for the decision.

Johnny Flynn of Rochester made it six in a row when he won his fight with Leo Matriciani of Baltimore in ten rounds at the local ball park. It was a good fight and the promoters are making plans on rematching the boys. A rematch will draw a big gate. Flynn weighed 209 pounds and Matriciani 207½ pounds. In the other ten-round bouts Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 137, of Rochester and an 8 to 5 underdog, defeated Lou Cassiano, 134, of New York, in ten rounds. In another ten, Calvin Leigh, 116, of Rochester, gave Jimmy Callura, 125, of Hamilton, Ont., height, reach and nine pounds, and won it easy from Callura. Leigh had Jimmy going twice, but could not finish him. It was a good fight and the fans liked it very much, and both boys got a big hand after the fight. In the other ten, Vern Mitchell, 192½, of Detroit, defeated Fidel Arciniega, 180 pounds, of Spain, in ten slow rounds. In the opening four-rounder, Willie Giano, 150, of Rochester, kayoed Andy Chapman of New York in three rounds

At Utica, N. Y., Joey DeJohn, 157, of Syracuse, knocked out Len Taglia, 159, of Utica, in two rounds. In the other bouts, LeRoy Coleman, 155, of Paterson, N. J., knocked out Ricky Miller, 158, of Buffalo, in seven rounds. Hugo Bonacci, 159, of Syracuse, defeated Vern Roman, 160, of Albany, N. Y., in six rounds. Joey Kushner, 129, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Alfred Pescatore, 131, of Italy, fought six rounds to a draw. Alberto Pescatore, 158, Italy, defeated Roland Strety, 160, of Cleveland, in four rounds. Marino Grizzo, 144, of Rome, N. Y., won by a T.K.O. over Johnny Carter, 139, of Utica, N. Y., in the fourth. Three thousand fans watched the fight.

Some of the better fighters who are going great in Rochester and western New York are Calvin Leigh, 116, who has won 17 out of 19 of his fights and has never lost a fight in Rochester. Leigh has to give five to ten pounds every time he fights. Most of the good bantamweights want no part of Leigh. Leigh is ready for the best and will fight anybody in the world at 114 pounds up to 122 pounds. Other boys who are winning often are Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 135, of Rochester, and a good prospect with a good record and ready for the best in the 135-pound class. Irish Johnny Rowe is also winning often and will fight main bouts in Rochester. Rowe is a slam-bang fighter and lose or win the fans like him because he gives them plenty of action. Wild Bill Foley is back fighting after a year's layoff and looks good in his workouts. Jerry Fleming is winning often and is well liked in Syracuse, Buffalo and Rochester. Willie Giano is doing very nicely and winning often around Syracuse.

At Elmira, N. Y., in the first outdoor show of the season, Carl Gush of Elmira defeated Art Tate of Cleveland in ten rounds. They are middleweights. Glenn Hendershot of Binghamton defeated Taylor Buchanan of Cleveland in six rounds. They are welterweights. Don Sezar of Elmira and Don Riffe fought a six-round draw. Johnny Swanson of Elmira won over Willie Davis of Cleveland in six rounds, and in the opening four-rounder Jimmy Carden of Carbondale, Pa., defeated Buddy Taylor of Corning in four rounds.

Johnny Burba, matchmaker for the Elks' amateur fights, is making plans for two or three fights this summer at the local ball park. Burba is planning on bringing in some of the best amateur fighters in the country.

Johnny DeNero, Rochester's light-heavyweight hope, is taking it easy this summer and will start his training in the fall for a busy winter season.

The Elks Club gym is open for fighters to train and for boys who are willing to learn. There are no fees and any boy who is willing and wants to train just bring your gym suit and that's all, the club will furnish the rest.

Fighters wishing to show in and around Rochester would do well by writing Sam Porcelli at 103 S. Union Street, Rochester, N. Y. Please do not send for photos. I have none.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

FIGHTING the best battle he ever fought in Buffalo Lee Oma knocked out Walter Hafer of Washington, D. C., in the eighth round of their scheduled ten-rounder at Memorial Auditorium. Oma had previously made a poor showing with Henry (Snow) Flake and the fans were none too enthusiastic when his name was presented. However, Oma threw caution to the wind and went in and fought a two-fisted setto with Hafer, hammering the ex-marine with punches that rocked Walter from pillar to post. Oma weighed 188½; Hafer 205.

Pete Zaduk of Toronto, great young middleweight, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Miller, 162, of Dayton, Ohio, in eight hectic rounds. Zaduk's punches had Miller often in trouble but the game Ohio lad never flinched and tried his best.

In other bouts Frankie BiFulco, 131½, drew with Herb Wiley, 135, six rounds; Eli Hall, 159½, decisioned Ray McGibbons, 158½, Niagara Falls, six rounds; Oliver Phillips, 144½, TKO'ed Art Rolland, 149, second round.

Promoter Jack Singer of the Hudson club will not stage any local outdoor boxing shows. The genial Jack is already planning some good bouts for the fall and one match he has in mind will involve a champion of the world. Singer, however, may take a fling at a couple of Canadian shows. He has Hamilton and London in mind.

Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo's crack Negro lightweight, is back from Sydney, Australia, where he boxed a great 12-round scrap with Vic Patrick, champion of that country. It was nip-and-tuck and Patrick was lucky to get the edge. The Sydney Stadium, which promoted the fight, requested Stenhouse to remain over for two more engagements but Tommy wanted to come home to Buffalo. He may return to Australia at a later date. Meanwhile, Stenhouse will fight in Binghamton, Syracuse and perhaps Buffalo.

Another Buffalo Negro 150-pounder, Allen Faulkner, who is piling up a fine record, would like to go to Australia and box Tommy Burns or any other that promoters in the land down under may offer. Faulkner is training every day and will soon get an important match in New York.

SHORT STUFF—The new Fillmore Stadium in North Fillmore avenue may see some boxing and wrestling shows this summer . . . . The seating capacity for baseball is about 4000 . . . Lockport and Niagara Falls may have new boxing clubs in the fall, according to rumor . . . . There are plenty of clubs around but talent is woefully low . . . . What a great chance for young fighters who can win and please the crowd! . . . . It is imposition for the boxing commission to force two referees on boxing promoters . . . . There's entirely too much expense attached to running a show now.

PRESS ROW—Van Patrick, former sportscaster for WBEN and WEBR is doing a great job for the big Cleveland station, WGAR . . . . Van is very popular here . . . . Charlie Bailey, fast-talking young gentleman who succeeded Patrick on WEBR is clicking nicely . . . . Frank Wakefield is doing his share to keep the Buffalo fistic public well-informed with his newsy writing for the *News* . . . . A new sports weekly may appear here in the fall to succeed the *Sports Review*, now deceased . . . . Charlie Murray, former Queensberry club promoter, may stage a six-day bike race this autumn . . . . Bert Finch will have a number of young boxers under his wing as he assembles a new stable within a few weeks . . . . If Jack Singer can land the Ezzard Charles-Phil Muscato setto he'll draw a $50,000 gate . . . . Junior Singer is picking up weight and may rival Johnny Toth in poundage within a year or two.

Charlie Pinto, FAC matchmaker, would like nothing better than a Johnny Flynn-Ezzard Charles match for Buffalo's Civic Stadium . . . . Who wouldn't? . . . . Pinto may get some other top-notcher for Flynn if Charles is unavailable.

HERE AND THERE—Ed Don George, wrestling promoter, expects to take a pleasure trip to Europe this summer . . . . While Big Ed is away Pedro Martinez, his partner in various wrestling promotions, will carry on with some out-of-town summer shows . . . . Gene Gannon, star bantam of three decades ago who made Buffalo his headquarters for five years and was managed by "Uncle" Bert Finch, is now postmaster at Oakwood, Wisconsin . . . . Gene was in town recently, stopping off here on his way to see the Louis-Walcott championship fight.

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IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THIS column is sent in from Spokane, Wash., from where the writer will journey on for an extended trip to the East.

Mrs. Ethel Seifert, the only woman wrestling promoter in the nation, will stage weekly grappling programs in the Starlight quarters.

Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio, contender for the world's heavyweight diadem, did a pretty good paint job with a left paw on Roy Hawkins, Klamath Falls, Oregon, heavyweight, on a recent Tacoma fight program at the Ice Palace, winning in ten rounds over the Oregon fighter.

At the moment the Pacific Northwest fight spots are going strong on the big fellows. Joe Kahut in Oregon, Roy Hawkins out of Tacoma, Big Bill Peterson, Seattle, and Freddie Beshore, Californian, now residing in Spokane. Beshore's recent win in Spokane over Tiger Jack Fox stamps Freddie the best of the foursome.

Dave Davey, Tacoma's 19-year-old heavyweight prospect, made a decided hit on a recent Jack Powers promotion in Spokane.

A word of praise must be given the genial Mr. Powers for the brand of fisticuffing he is giving the Inland Empire fight patrons. Powers is well liked by the fans and those directly connected with the profession.

Amateur boxers around the Pacific Northwest, who are interested in trying for places on the proposed big Golden Gloves tournament to be sponsored by the Tacoma Athletic Commission, may contact the writer, Starlight Athletic Club, 1114½ Market Street.

Bill Garbirino, popular Bremerton, Wash., fistic man, is back in the saddle again, showing the professional boys twice monthly at Bremerton's Civic Auditorium.

Larry Scheer, matchmaker-promoter for the Ringside Sporting Club, Seattle, is hard hit anent local talent. The deserving young fellow could use a little boost from the fans and those directly connected with the sport.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

THE Bill Goodwin-Alf Hart promotion at Selhurst Park was a winner as a crowd of 15,000 saw a great night's boxing.

Mark Hart, Croydon, outpointed Emile DeGreef of Belgium on points in eight rounds. Albert Finch, Croydon, stopped Jock Taylor, Sidcup, in the seventh after the latter had taken several long counts. Pat Stribling, Croydon, and Les Pam, Stepney, battled through eight rounds with science to the winds before Stribling was declared the winner. Billy Hazelgrove, Brighton, outpointed Pinchie Thompson, Jamaica, over eight rounds. Charles Henry, Croydon, and Joe Smith, Welwyn Garden City, fought six hard rounds to a draw. Ron Pudney, Croydon, outpointed Johnny McKenna, New Zealand, over six rounds.

Neil McCearn, Glasgow, defeated Jim Wellard, Northampton, in the fifth round on a disqualification at Northampton. Billy Exley, Newcastle, stopped Norman Twigger, Coventry, in the fifth round. The referee halted the contest. Roy Davies, Spratton, outpointed George Frost, Mexborough, in eight rounds.

Jimmy Bryan, Gloucester, stopped Joe Rock, Hackney, in the seventh round at Mile End. The latter retired woth a badly cut eye.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, Norwich, successfully defended his Eastern Counties middleweight title by stopping Joe Beckett, Hemphall, in the eighth round at Bungay.

Matt Hardy, Doncaster, 183¼, knocked out George Barrett, Eltham, 177¼, in the fourth round at Doncaster. Billy Carroll, Doncaster, 158¼, outpointed Hal Barstow, Keighly, 159¼, over six rounds. Doug Meyers, Doncaster, 161, outpointed Roy Peterson of Jamaica, 160, in eight rounds of hectic fighting.

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Teddy Packham, Bournemouth, 131½, knocked out Cliff Willson, Jamaica, 125¾, in the fourth round at Plymouth. Jimmy Bryan of Bournemouth, 150, stopped Jimmy Armstrong, 149¾, Royal Navy, in the third round.

Jackie Marshall, Glasgow, 138, gained a narrow points win at the expense of Tom McGoldrick, Perth, 140, after a great scrap at Glasgow. Tommy Logie, Clydebank, 157¾, outpointed Jack Brown, Doncaster, 159¾, over six rounds. Joe Baille, Glasgow, 148½, outpointed Billy Hill, Jarrow, 152¼, in a six-rounder.

Billy Barton, Bootle, 137½, forced Paddy Kelly, Belfast, 138¼, to retire at the end of the fifth round at Belfast. Bernard Pugh, Liverpool, 129¼, narrowly outpointed Dave Watson, Belfast, 131, in 8 rounds. Billy Birch, Belfast, 112¾, scored a points win over Benny Roza, Liverpool, 115½, in 8 rounds. Con Caffrey, Dublin, 129¼, and Jackie Ryan, Liverpool, 133, had a head on collision during the opening round, with Caffrey sustaining a badly cut eye, and he retired at the end of the round. Jim Keery, Dublin, 131, forced Jackie McGouran, Dublin, 130¾, to retire at the end of the fourth with a badly cut mouth.

Harry Croker, Leeds, stopped Joe Carr, South Shields, in the fifth round at Sunderland.

Tommy Shilton, Andover, drew with Johnny McTern, Rotherham, in an 8-round middleweight contest at Rushden. Tommy Lennon, Corby, outpointed Eddie Giddings, London, in an 8-round lightweight contest. Len Shaw, Sheffield, defeated Vincent Lennon, Corby, on points over six rounds. Bert Barker, Wellingborough, outpointed Jeff Badham, Rushden, in 6 rounds. Jackie Evans, Norton, gained a points win over Johnny Carrington of Nottingham in 6 of a lightweight contest. Cyril Walters, Finedon, outpointed Bert Harrison, Rushden, in 6 of a middleweight contest.

Ron Cooper, Pyle, 159¼, knocked out Joe Sands, Hull, 160¼, in the fifth round at Neath. Warren Kendall, Toneyrefail, 137¼, knocked out Johnny Borvill, Hull, 136¼, in the first.

Tommy Smyth, Ireland, 186, knocked out George Barrett, Eltham, 184, in the first round at Bedford. This was the second K.O. that Barrett received in four days. Arthur Wright, Peterborough, 135, defeated Mias Johnson, Jacksdale, 135½, in the seventh round with a cut eye.

Gordon Ashun, the Negro Bootle welterweight, 145¾, won his elimination contest for the North Central Area when he defeated Freddie Wilkes, Birkenhead, 146, on points in 10 rounds at Preston. Jackie Fairclough, Preston, 118, boxed cleverly to outpoint Roy Thomas, Liverpool, 118¼, in 8. Al Hutt, Burma, 114, stopped Eddie Fitzsimmons, Liverpool, 105½, in the third.

Tommy Barton, Mile End, 135½, outpointed Roy Davies, 136, Northampton, in 8 rounds at Mile End. Teddy Lewis, Dagenham, 128½, continued with K.O. wins when he added Jackie Lennard, Islington, 132, to his list in the first round.

Bobby Boland, Dundee, defeated Pinchie Thompson, Jamaica, in the fourth when the latter retired with a badly cut eye. These bantamweights fought at Dundee.

Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, 128, defeated Albert Bessell of Bristol, 128, in the fifth round at The Stadium, Liverpool. Bessell received a badly cut eye and the contest was stopped in Jackson's favor. Alf Taylor, Warrington, 145, outpointed the Leicester southpaw, Ric Sanders, 146, in 8. Al Hutt, Burma, knocked out Jackie Hodder, Wales, in the second of a flyweight contest. Don Francis, Liverpool, stopped Brian Dynam, Ireland, in the second round of a featherweight contest. Geoff Turp, Wombwell, outpointed Tommy Kelly, Barrow, in a six-round welterweight contest.

Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, 128, British and Empire featherweight champion, drew with Cliff Anderson, 128, British Guiana, in 10 rounds at Belle Vue, Manchester. Giel De Roode, 148¼, Holland, outpointed Ginger Stewart, Hamilton, 147¼, in a 10-round welterweight contest. Albert Finch, 159¼, Croydon, won on points over George Dicks, 157½, Barnsley, in 8. Tony Lombard, the South African featherweight, 127¾, fought well to outpoint Frank Williams, Birkenhead, 126, in 10 rounds. Sammy Sullivan, Preston, 149¾, gained the decision over Mickey Talbot, Belfast, 148¼, in 6.

Tony Lombard, South Africa, 127, was unlucky to lose his contest against Frank Kenny, Scottish Featherweight Champion, 127¾, Glasgow, which the referee intervened in the 6th round. Jackie Wilson, Belfast, 159½, outpointed Duggie Miller, South Africa, 158½, in a hard fought 8 round contest. Billy McDonald, Liverpool, 133, gained a well earned points victory over Don Cameron, Glasgow, 139½, in 8 rounds.

Harry Hughes, the Scottish Lightweight Champion, 138, punched too hard for Johnny Fitzpatrick, Doncaster, 138, and the latter was counted out in the fifth round from a well placed solar plexus punch.

At Aberdeen, Billy Carroll, 160¾, Doncaster, brother of Bruce Woodcock, was too strong for Billy Kelly, Carfin, 159, and the latter was knocked out in the seventh round.

Danny Nagle, Belfast, 123, knocked out Art Dykes, Nottingham, 120, in the fifth round at Romford.

Jack Todd, contender for the Scottish Cruiserweight title, stopped Tommy Casswell, London, in the sixth round, at Glasgow. The Londoner received a badly cut eye, which caused the referee to stop the bout.

Jake Carr, Thornaby, 148, gained an 8 round points win over Billy Hill, Barrow, 146, at West Hartlepool.

Hal Bagwell, Gloucester, 134, knocked out Jimmy Jury, Bournemouth, 134, in the seventh round at Dursley. Billy Wagner, Gloucester, stopped Harry Newton, Battersea, in the fourth round of a middleweight contest.

Bob Cleaver, The Borough, 160, was too clever and fast for Ollie Williams, West Ham, 163, in their 8 round contest at Mile End. Tommy Barton, Mile End, 134, stopped Tommy Jones, Llanelly, 133, in the sixth round, when the referee halted the bout.

Johnny Russell, Covent Garden, 138, outpointed George Harrisson, Shirebrook, 137, in 8 rounds.

Johnny Borrill, Hull, outpointed Johnny Fitzpatrick, Doncaster, in 8 rounds at Goole.

Josef Preys, Belgian Lightweight Champion, 135¾, was too clever for Ivor (Kid) Germain, 135¼, Lightweight Champion of Barbados, in 10 rounds at The Stadium, Liverpool. Willie Whyte, Lightweight Champion of Scotland, 150¼, stopped Jim Josephs, Belfast, 152¾, in the 5th round. Jeff Tite of Spratton outpointed Jesse Birtwhistle, Bolton, in 8 rounds of a welterweight bout. Ricky McCulloch, Ireland, outpointed Micky Green, Warrington, in an 8 round lightweight contest. Sammy Davis, Gold Coast, defeated Jack Harding, Crewe, in 6 rounds of a middleweight bout.

A crowd of 9,000 fans braved the weather at Leyton Football Ground, when Harry Greenberg staged an all star program. Cliff Curvis, the 20 year old Swansea lightweight, turned in one of his best performances by outboxing Andre Famechon of France in every one of the scheduled 8 rounds to win easily. Cliff will surely be a candidate for Titular Honors as soon as he reaches his 21st birthday. Tommy Barnham, Fulham, must have left his boxing in the Gym or on the road, for in his contest with Claude Dennington, Peckham, in 12 rounds for the Southern Area No. 1 Lightweight title, he was forced around the ring by the aggressive Peckham fighter, who was a ready winner. The crowd and hard hitting Teddy Lee of Islington were treated to a first class surprise, when Neil McCearn of Glasgow, toppled his opponent for eleven counts inside three rounds before the referee decided to stop the contest in McCearn's favor. Jimmy Webster, Canning Town, boxed well to outpoint Ronnie Burr, Wandsworth, in an 8 round bantamweight contest. Jimmy Davis, Bethnal Green, outpointed Bert Sanders, Kilburn, in 8 rounds of a middleweight contest. Micky Duff, Aldgate, was unlucky to have the decision go against him, when he fought Bobby Fordham, Kings Cross, in a 6 round welterweight bout.

Gordon Ashun, Bootle, 149, outpointed "Tough" Charles Roberts, Bradford, 150, in 8 rounds at Mile End.

DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS

By JIMMY LAMBERT

YOUNG TANNER, 134, of British Guiana continued his winning streak by decisively whipping Luis Monagas, 140, K.O. artist from Venezuela, in the feature event of Promoter George Rombley's monthly fight card at the Swingsters Square Garden.

In the second round Monagas suddenly knocked Tanner head over heels with a terrific right to the head, flooring him for the count of eight. Commencing with the fourth round, however, it was all Tanner as he ripped into Monagas with both fists flying. In the sixth, Tanner had Monagas out on his feet, but could not seem to find the range for the K.O. blow.

In the semi-final ten-rounder, Slipping Tiger, 153, of Curacao, won a very close decision over rugged and aggressive Eddy Williams, 155, of Venezuela.

El Tigre, 120, of Aruba, also continued his winning ways in disposing of fancy stepping Kid Montana, 123 pounds, of Colombia in the fourth round.

Another eight-rounder brought together Ben Pacheco, 134, of Venezuela and Kid Peligroso, 138, of Aruba, which ended in a draw.

In a six-round bout, Lefty George, 120, of Aruba, showed too much class and hitting power for Mazista II, 110, of Colombia, and won easily.

In a four-rounder, Beau Jack, 154, of Trinidad, easily won from Guiana Kid, 154, of Dutch Guiana.

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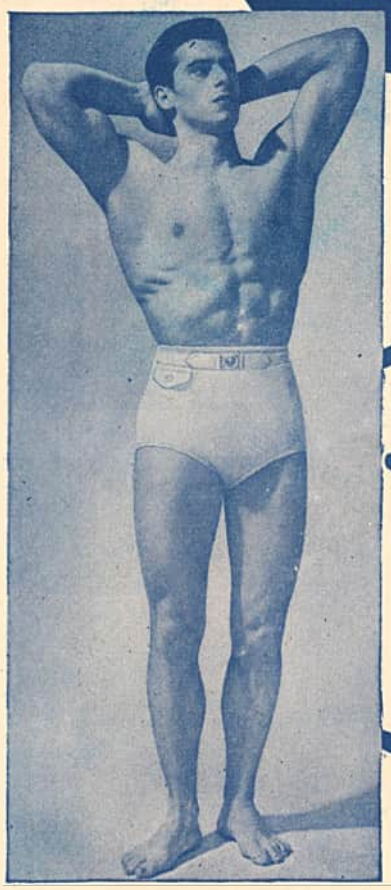

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